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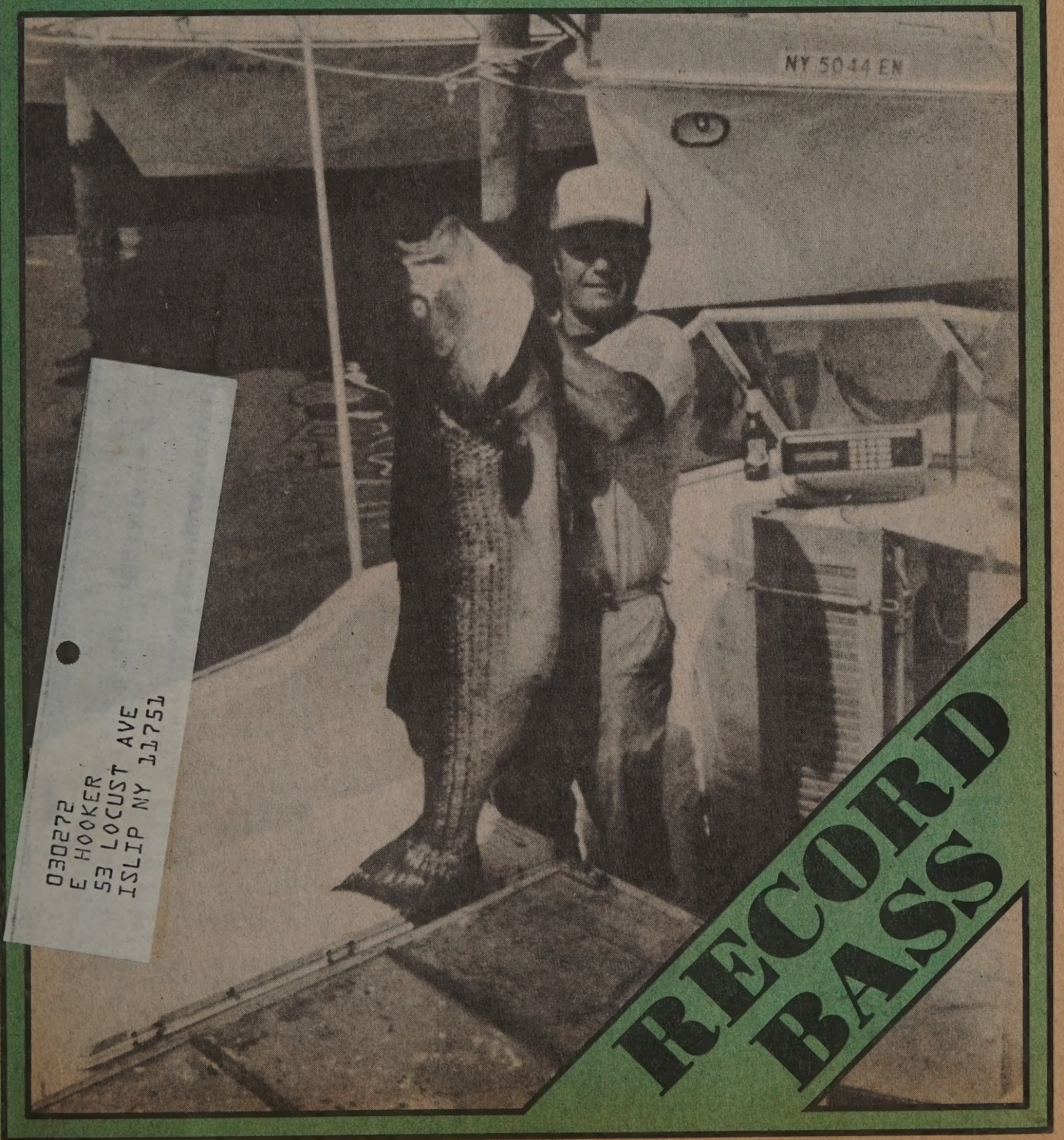

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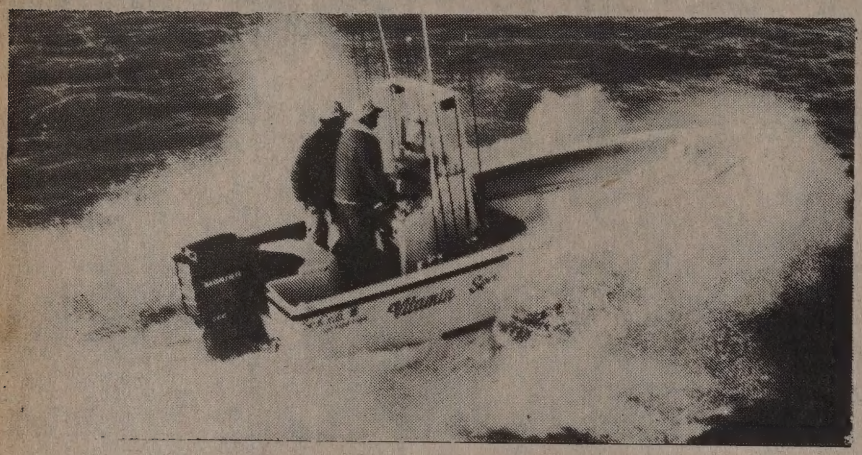

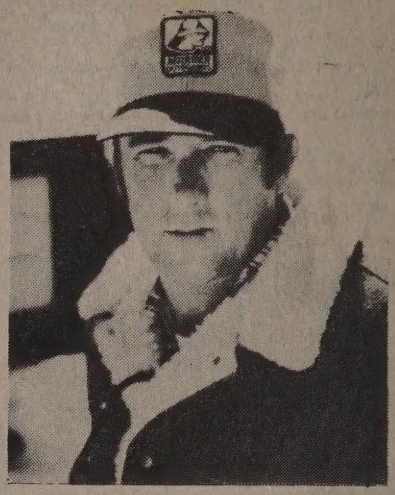

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Striped bass sharpie John Alberda with the 69¼ pound striper he boated at Montauk back on July 26th. The big cow, a potential world record in the 80 pound line class, was weighed at Gone Fishing Marina in Montauk. For more details on this outstanding catch, see the story on page 8.

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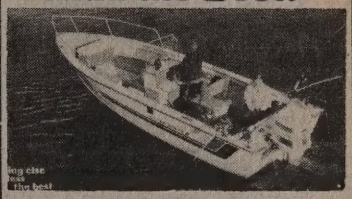

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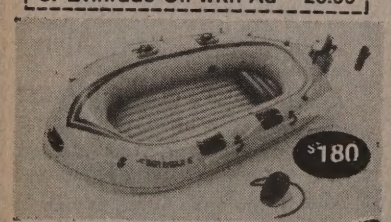

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Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige today announced the appointment of 19 people to the nation's eight Regional Fishery Management Councils.

The councils, established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, prepare management plans for fish stocks within their geographic areas. Council members are selected from nominees submitted by the governors of the states served by each council. The appointments become effective in August. Among them were:

Mid-Atlantic: Alfred J. Hurlock, Jr., owner and president, Hurlock Roofing Co., Wilmington, Del.; David H. Hart, retired commercial fisherman, Cape May, N.J.; Harry M. Keene, owner, Bay County Industrial Supply Co., Easton, Md.; James F. McHugh, consultant, Hampton, Va.

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BELMONT LAKE TARGETED FOR CLEAN-UP

Funds to clean up Belmont Lake in Babylon, plagued recently by a stench associated with rotting organic matter, were today provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. Rep. Thomas J. Downey (D-Amityville), who has sought the funding since 1982, hailed the move as "a major step towards restoring one of New York State's finest recreation facilities."

On behalf of local residents, Rep. Downey contacted the EPA last year to request funds to clean up the lake as part of the EPA's Clean Lakes Program. When informed of EPA's decision, Downey called the announcement of clean-up money "Good news, very good news indeed for the 500,000 residents who use this park and lake every year. By 1985, we hope to see clear water and smell... nothing at all," said Downey.

Belmont Lake was created from a small pond on the August Belmont estate in the 1930s as part of a WPA project. Now a 28-acre lake, surrounded by acres of parkland, it is a popular spot for fishing, boating and relaxation. In recent years, however, the lake has been clogged with excessive organic sediment and heavy weed growth resulting in a "marked stench," according to Rep. Downey.

The $250,000 EPA grant will be matched by New York State funds. Work to clean up the lake, 70 percent of which is clogged with "nuisance vegetation" and sediment, will begin soon. Park officials look to the possibility of re-stocking the lake with fish once clean-up is complete.

Downey added, "Cleaning up Belmont Lake—and all lakes—is also cost-effective. For every Clean Lakes dollar spent, close to $8 is returned in benefit value."

WATER QUALITY DECLINES

Water quality in the U.S. continued to decline in 1982 according to the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) 1983 Environmental Quality Index. Although the Clean Water Act of 1972 set 1983 as the target date for achieving "fishable-swimmable" water quality throughout the U.S., 37 states will not meet that goal. Water systems in 14,000 communities still do not meet Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. Other problems include continued ocean dumping of sewage sludge by cities on the East Coast, 51 areas in the Great Lakes basin where water quality standards are not being met, and pollution in the upper Chesapeake Bay.

AMITY HARBOR FISHING CLUB CHOPPER ROUNDUP RESULTS

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club held its twelfth annual Chopper Roundup on July 16th.

We are proud to announce the results for the largest fish, which are as follows:

First place: Art Hassel, 13.2; 2nd place: Joel Renert, 13 lbs.; 3rd place: Richie Ortman, 12.12; 4th place: Walter Kuszelrwicz, 12.8 and George Huggler, 12.8.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB TOURNEY RESULTS

The Babylon Tuna Club held their Joe Kaich Memorial, 27th Annual Invitational Tuna, Shark and Billfish Tournament on Saturday, July 23rd. Fishing was cancelled on Sunday, July 24th due to adverse weather conditions.

Results of the tournament were: 1st place—Babylon Tuna Club; 2nd—Squaw Island Fishing Club; 3rd—Bay Shore Tuna Club; 4th—Freeport Tuna Club; 5th—South Shore Marlin & Tuna Club.

1st Place Tuna—Jimmy Cox on the Spare Change, 217 lb. bigeye; 2nd place tuna—Lee Beresoff on the Em Lee II, 195 lb. bigeye.

1st place mako: Bill Mahler on the Happy Hooker, 257 lbs.; 2nd place mako: Bill Kern on the Happy Hooker, 122 lbs.

1st place marlin, 57 lbs., George Grebe on the Skipper II; 2nd place marlin, 53 lbs., Bruce Diamond on the Mean Machine.

Boats accumulating the most points were the My Way, skippered by

Vinnie DeFonte with 1033 points; Teddy Freund on the Irish Faker, with 903 points and Phil Fraccalvieri on the Happy Hooker with 898 points.

Due to the cancellation of Sunday's fishing, the Babylon Tuna Club did not make their intended $10,000 donation goal for the Association for the Help of Retarded Children (AHRC) from the sale of fish caught. Anyone wishing to help, please send a check payable to AHRC, c/o the Babylon Tuna Club, P.O. Box 123, Babylon, New York 11702 or call Ray Seagren at (516) 483-9631.

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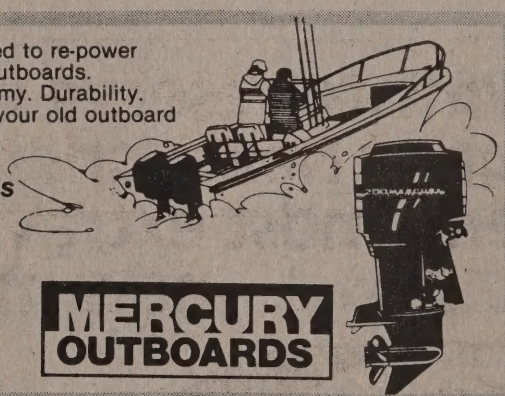

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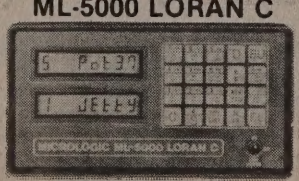

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So you think you know how to catch bluefish! Well, there are many ways and techniques to catch these fish and every fisherman who wants to maximize catches of bluefish, as well as other species of fish, is always willing to listen and learn from other fishermen. The Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County certainly desires to increase the skills of all fishermen and accordingly, this fine fishing club will have Mr. Robert Pond, on Tuesday, August 16, at 8PM as their guest speaker. Mr. Pond, an avid fisherman and an individual with considerable expertise on the problems with striped bass, will give a detailed presentation on catching bluefish. Mr. Pond will also utilize slides to make his presentation clear and easy to follow. Since Mr. Pond recently returned from the Chesapeake Bay area, which is a big spawning area for striped bass, he will also give a brief report on a problem that threatens the very survival of the striped bass population.

This informative meeting of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County will be held on August 16, at 8PM, at the American Legion Post #170 located at 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, New Jersey. Free refreshments will be served at the

conclusion of the meeting.

Information on this meeting or the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County can be obtained by calling John Toth at (201) 569-3218.

HUNTINGTON SPORTFISHERMEN HAVE LIMITED MEMBERSHIP OPENINGS

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Atlantis Anglers won the team championship by a substantial margin with a total combined weight of its three largest fish totaling 13 lbs. 10 oz. East Rockaway Anglers was second with a total weight of 10.8½ lbs. East Bay Anglers took third place with a combined weight of 9.12 lbs.

In individual categories, Ron Dierlam of Atlantis Anglers caught the largest fluke which tipped the scales at 5.12½ lbs. Second place went to Lou Kane of East Rockaway Anglers with a fluke of 4.12½ lbs. and third place went to A. Manfredie of East Bay Anglers with a fluke weighing 4.10 lbs.

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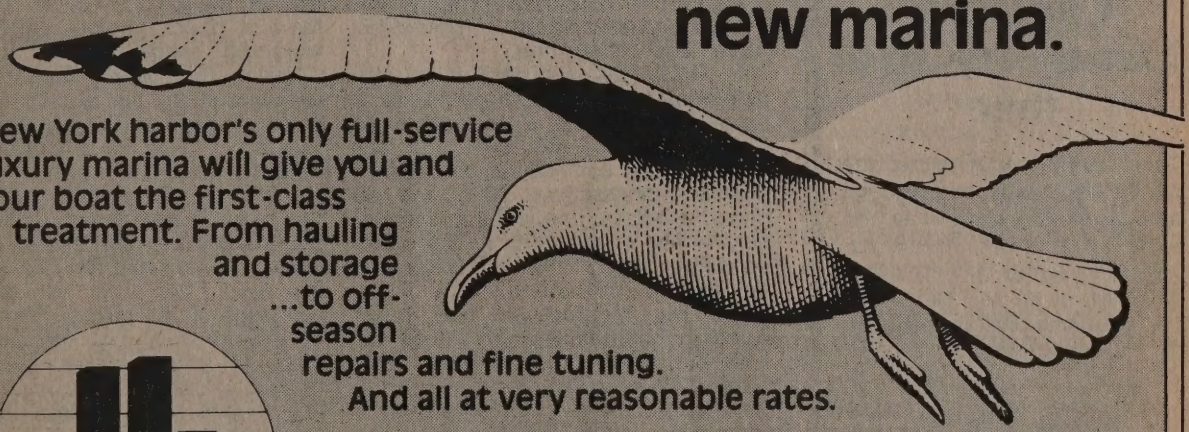

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A RECORD NIGHT FOR ALBERDA

by Fred Golofaro

Montauk is again laying claim to another world record striper.

Striped bass sharpie John Alberda of Bayville, began Monday night, July 25 as he had on numerous occasions during the preceding weeks. He eased his 22 foot outboard-powered Aquasport out of its berth at Gone Fishing Marina and with the sun fading fast to the west, he guided the boat towards the swirling currents and boiling rips that had been playing host to a school of big stripers. He had caught fish each night, and big they were, too. Before the month was out, he would tally seven stripers over 50 lbs. in addition to one cow which will likely put his name in the record books.

Through most of the flooding tide and into the ebb, the Long Island Lutheran High School physical education teacher had put away five cows in the 35 to 48 pound range. As the tide ebbed into its second hour during the wee hours of Tuesday morning, John hung what he knew was a very big fish. As he told me later, "I couldn't stop the fish on that first run—she was a real smoker." After battling the big bass for several minutes, the two parted company and the disheartened angler retrieved his frayed and broken line.

In short order, another live eel was delivered to the strike zone via a three-way rig and eight ounces of lead. On the very next drift, a striper gobbled the eel. Equipped with a Garcia Ambassadeur 7000 and 50 pound Gladiator line, John eventually got the fish under control. There was no real indication that this bass was any more significant than any of the other big stripers he had been catching. "It wasn't until I stuck her with the gaff that I thought I might have a 'sixty'." The fish were on the feed, so with no more room left in the ice and fish laden 155 quart Igloo, the fish was added to the iceless second cooler. A couple of fish later and with dawn signaling a new day, the night's fishing drew to a close.

Back at the dock, John's good friend and fishing partner, Captain Bob Rocchetta of the charter boat Rainbow II, took one look at the fish and knew that this fish was a notch above the rest. It was Bob who two summers ago turned the fishing world upside down when he toppled the all-tackle striper record with a fish of 76 pounds. The huge cow was displaced last year by a New Jersey surf-caught bass of 78 pounds but Bob still owns the 50 pound class record. The scale verified Bob's excitement as the needle settled at 69 pounds 4 ounces over four hours after the fish was boated. In all likelihood, since John was using non-tournament grade line, the fish will qualify for the 80 pound line class rather than the 50 pound class. The 80 pound slot is currently held by Dennis Kelly of Sag Harbor for a 66½ pounder he took last year and which also earned him The Fisherman's Al Reinfelder Memorial Award.

For John Alberda, this fish was the culmination of 15 years of serious bass fishing to which most of his free time between May and November has been dedicated. His only regret is that in the excitement of the night's fishing he didn't take time to transfer ice into the second cooler. That, and the four hours between catching and weighing probably cost him that magical 70 pound mark. He will always wonder, too, about the fish he broke off prior to the big one. As he said later, "That was undoubtedly the biggest fish of the night."

While the winter months often find this humble and engaging fisherman glued to the decks of south shore cod boats, stripers are far and away his first love. "No other fish offers the challenge of the striper. They are so unpredictable and at the same time there is a mysterious aura about them. I've been hot lately but I'd hate to add up all of the fishless nights that go into one good night."

John and Bob both, are of the same mold. Yes, they sell the bass they catch, but the motivation for spending night after night in their quest, often under cold, windy and rough conditions, runs much, much deeper. Perhaps it's only just that this team of dedicated bass nuts find their names side by side in the record books.

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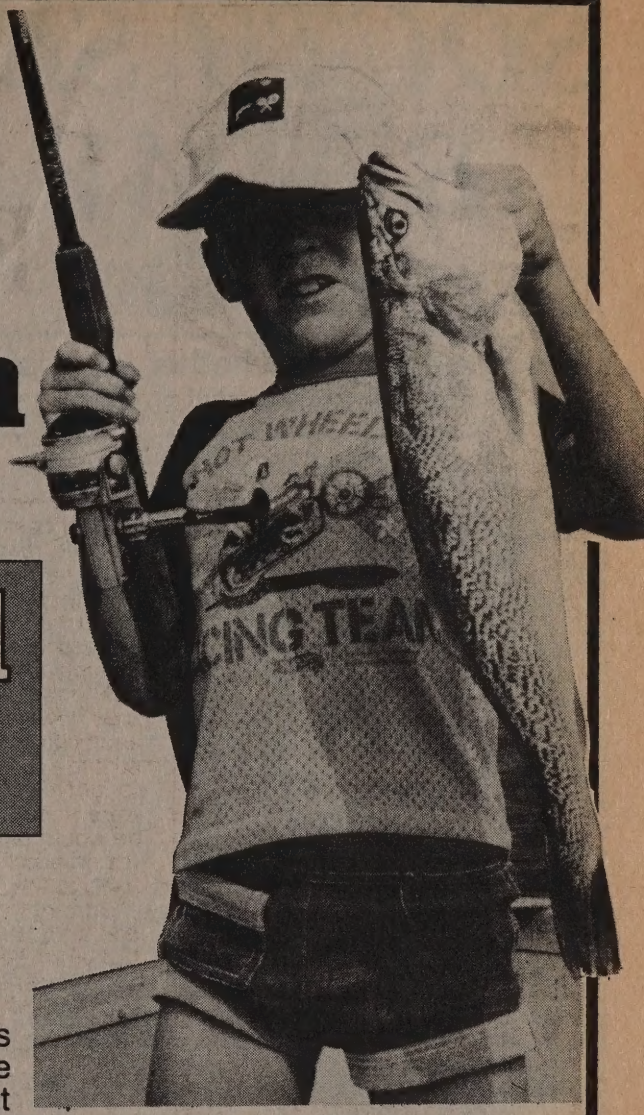

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SOUTH SHORE BLUES BY DAY OR NIGHT

by John Konior

Depending on whether you fish under the stars or the sun, there are two distinctly different approaches to south shore bluefishing.

While methodology varies considerably in bluefishing, the primary methods used on open boats are jigging during the day (either while drifting or anchored), and bait fishing at night. It's a good idea to know what's involved in these methods so you stand a better chance of improving your catch.

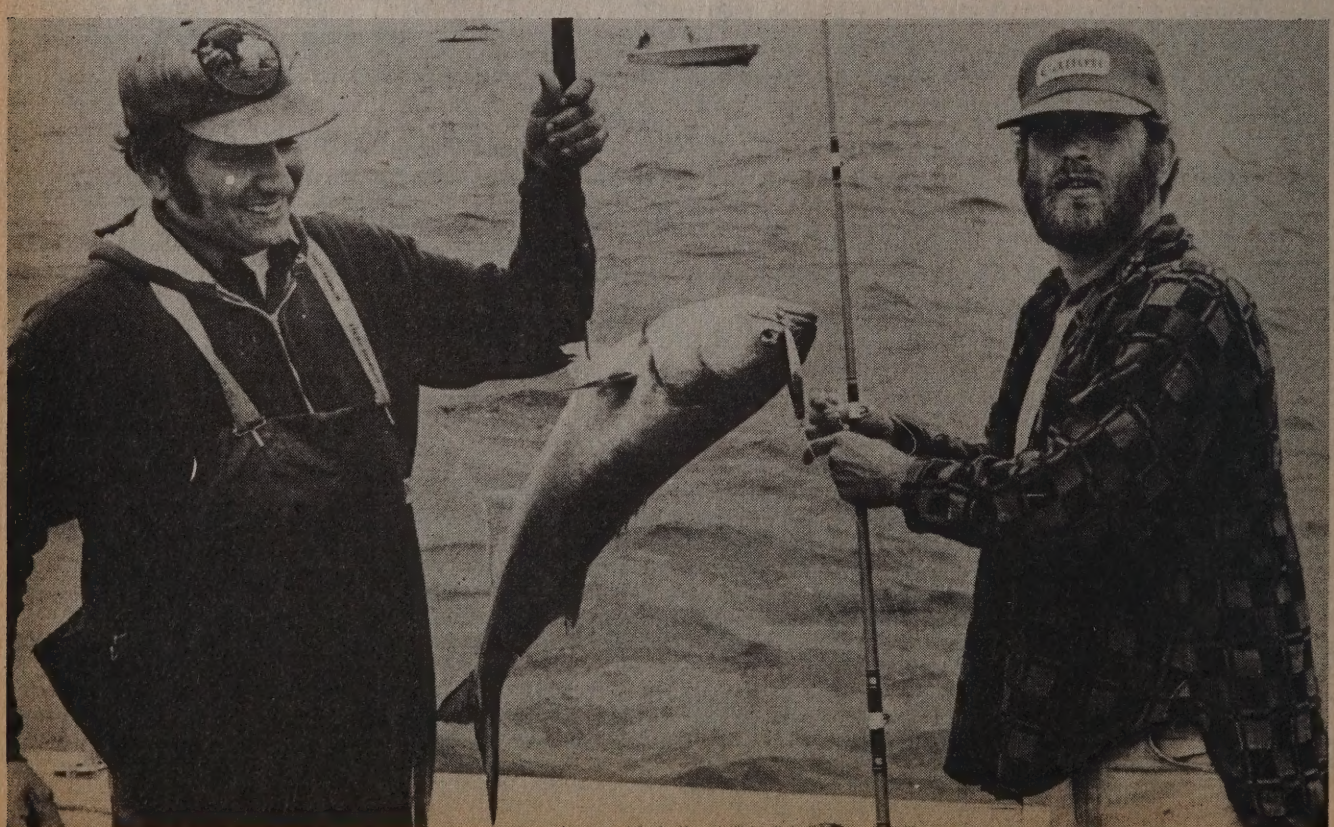
First, be aware that the cost of a trip runs $25 to $30 for either a day or night outing. Morning trips are generally from 6-7AM through 4-5PM, while night trips usually run from 7PM until 2-3AM.

Considering the methods employed, it would seem at first glance that there's quite a disparity in the fares when comparing day and night bluefishing. For example, why should the day fare be as high as the night fare if during the day you will be jigging without use of bait or chum? The answer becomes quite obvious if you've experienced both kinds of fishing. During the day, the boat uses much more fuel in attempting to locate fish, covering a considerable area. In night fishing, the boat generally anchors, only moving once or twice at best. So, in the final analysis, the costs of either trip are approximately equal. Now let's discuss some of the particulars involving each method. We'll start with the daytime fishing.

The trip to the fishing grounds will last one to two hours depending upon where the fish are feeding and the speed of the boat. The captain attempts to locate schools of fish on his "fish finder." It's not at all unusual to be chugging along, when all of a sudden, the signal is given to begin fishing. For that reason, it's a good idea to be ready to fish beforehand, i.e., being rigged up.

The action can be fast and furious, but could also last for only five to ten minutes because the school of fish may be small or is on the move. After the initial contact, the captain will look for fish again. This procedure is repeated throughout the day, resulting in a series of short hectic spurts of fishing, followed by a longer search period. On good days, schools may be so large and confined to a limited area that bags are filled and muscles wearied in one to two hours. But on slow days, the bulk of the trip consists of searching for the fish, and it can be exasperating. It's easy to become discouraged at these times, and blame the captain for taking you on a boat ride. However, this is not the case because the fish may be very scattered, and on the move themselves searching for food.

You can just about know where you will stop by observing bird action. When blues are feeding they will chase baitfish to the surface. Birds, in turn, will feed on the baitfish. When you see birds diving into the water in



Daytime blues are suckers for diamond jigs.

a frenzy the probabilities are that you will be into fish almost immediately. However, this is not always the case because blues may also remain deep and the birds you see may only be searching for schools of bait.

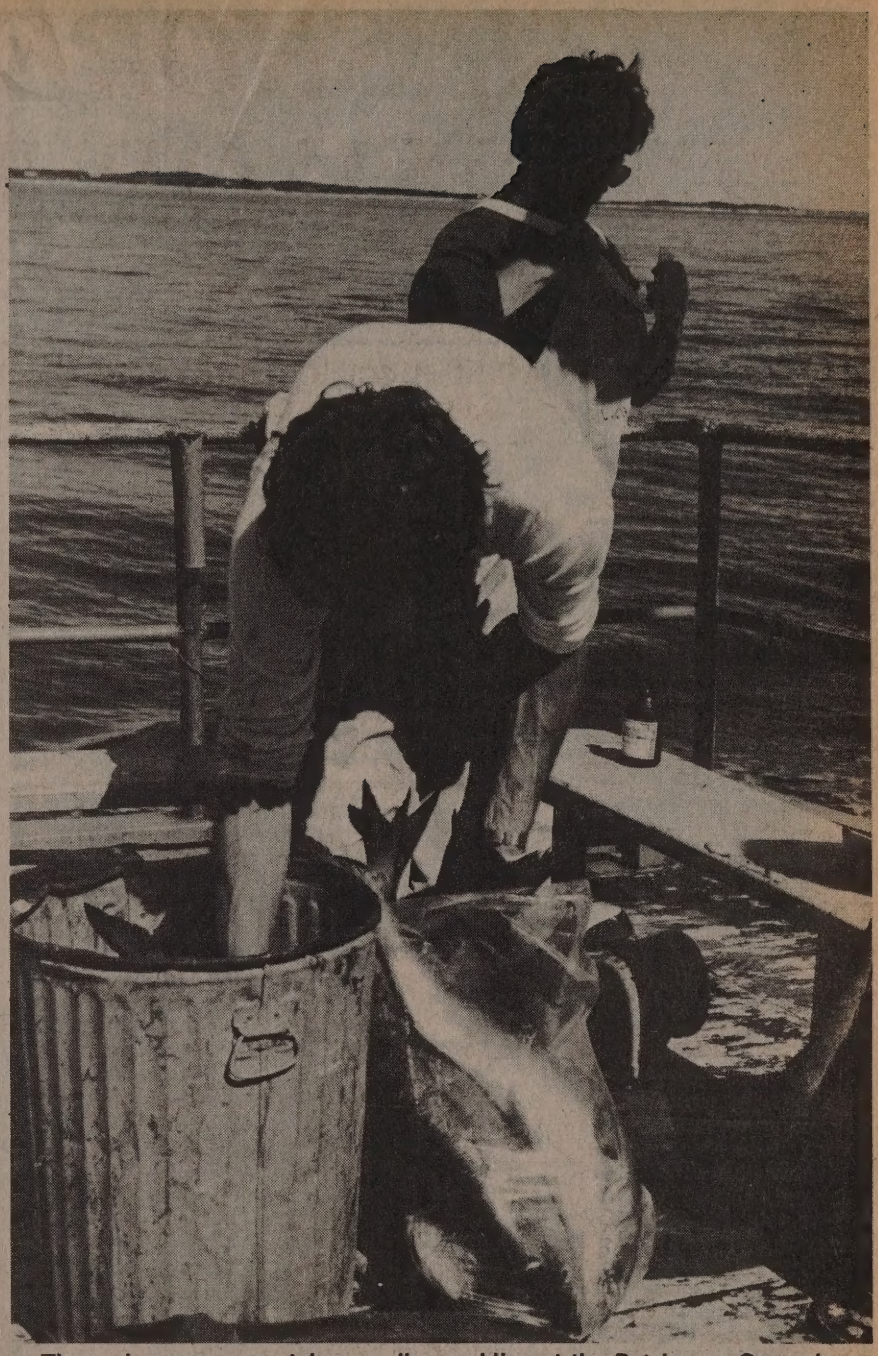
Most captains and mates will advise you to be constantly ready, especially when the boat slows down. Once a school is located, it's very important to get your jig down quickly. If you tarry, you may miss out on catching a fish on that drop entirely.

As mentioned before, jigging is the primary method. The two jigs that appear to get the best results are the Ava 27 standard and tubed, or variations of them. The Ava 27 is a chromed three ounce jig with a single 6/0 O'Shaughnessy hook, indented with a fish scale pattern. The other Ava 27 is also a chromed three ounce jig, but has a rubber tube in black, white, red, or green. Color preference varies from day to day, so you should have a variety of them. It seems that when fishing is slow, the plain jig is preferred, if only because it tends to sink faster than the tubed style. Note that the jig is tied directly to the line using an improved clinch knot, although some anglers do attach a short length of wire leader.

As soon as the captain gives the signal to begin fishing, usually one short toot of the horn, the jig should be allowed to sink to the bottom as quickly as possible. As soon as you detect it hitting bottom reel in as fast as you can, then repeat the process. You'll know when you have a fish, believe me.

When fish are small (1-6 lbs.), the usual procedure is to haul the fish overboard without use of a gaff. However, don't be bashful in calling for a mate to gaff the fish for you, particularly if you're using light line, i.e., 20 lb. test mono or lighter. It's a good idea to attach a 30 to 50 foot length of heavier line, say 30 lb. test, when you're using lighter line to prevent breakoffs when landing fish. Larger fish, over 6 lbs., should always be gaffed.

Many anglers prefer using spinning tackle. When using jigs, spinning tackle does give you advantages in that you can cast away from the boat easily (using an underhand toss, never an overhead), the jig will sink more quickly, you can retrieve the jig faster (gear ratios on spinning reels are generally higher than with conventional reels), and you can use lighter lines provided you use a heavier leader. On the other hand, conventional tackle is more suited to larger fish. I've observed a lot of large fish lost on spinning tackle because of the light lines employed and weaker drag systems. When you're on an open boat you don't have the luxury of playing the fish, and almost have to horse it in so as not to tangle up too many lines (or get many dirty looks from other anglers). Spinning tackle is okay for small fish, but quite honestly not appropriate for gorillas on an open boat.



These slammers were taken on diamond jigs at the Patchogue Grounds.

Keep in mind the proper procedure for playing and landing a fish. Beforehand make sure the drag on the reel is set properly. Once the fish is hooked, point the rod to the water. The reason for this is that blues will often come to the surface and leap clear in an attempt to throw the hook. By pointing the tip to the water, you'll minimize the chances of your line becoming slack. If you hold the rod tip high, and the fish jumps, you will get slack in your line which can allow the fish to get free. As soon as you get the fish to the boat (and it's a small one), reel in line leaving two to three feet extending from the tip to the fish. Then lift the fish in a smooth arc over the rail. Do not jerk the fish from the water, and also call out a warning to other anglers that you're lifting the fish so they can get out of the way.

When you bring a large fish to the boat, always call for the gaff. Leave the fish in the water until the mate arrives, and maintain a tight line.

Be aware of several other protocols. When someone else is into a fish and your line becomes entangled with that line, don't continue to reel in. Allow the angler to land his fish, then look to have your line freed. When into a fish, and the fish is running, move to the fish if at all possible so as to prevent unnecessary entanglement with other lines.

So there you have it for daytime jigging for blues. When fish are scattered, you will spend most, if not all of the day moving and drifting. However, when the schools are thick, the captain may anchor.

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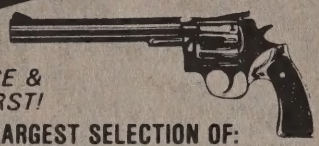

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After dark, you can just about forget about jigging, but not entirely, because jigging is sometimes employed at night and the procedures are virtually identical. However, most night fishing involves anchoring and fishing with bait, while bunker chum is employed to bring the fish to the boat.

The standard rig consists of 3/0 to 6/0 hook with a wire leader attached which may be 4 to 12 inches in length. The wire leader can be tied directly to the line, or via a black snap swivel. Several hook patterns are acceptable: O'Shaughnessy, Beak, Kirby, Carlisle or Sproat. Hook size will depend on size of fish being caught. Wire leader could be single strand or twisted multi-strand, nylon coated or without.

Depending on current speed and the depth fish are feeding, one or two snap-on sinkers (or split shots) can be added to get the rig down deeper. These sinkers are attached on the line approximately a foot from the leader, never on the leader. The mates will advise you whether to use the sinkers or not.

Party boats will provide you with bait which may consist of butterfish, squid, spearing or smelt. Although these baits work well, I always make it a practice to bring along strips of mackerel which has worked out well for me.

The bait is embedded on the hook. Never overload the hook with bait, for to do so will result in more missed hits than hooked fish. Usually such bait as butterfish is cut into three pieces. Use the middle section hooking the bait through the wide part. When using strip bait such as mackerel or squid, hook the bait once through the top and extend the barb out through the bait near the lower end. If using a whole smelt, spearing or small butterfish, insert the hook into the mouth and extend it into the body allowing the barb to protrude near the tail.

The key to this fishing is how to locate the depth the fish are feeding. I accomplish this by using the following method: Once the bait is lowered to the water, pull off line from the spool to the first guide. Let out approximately 25 such pulls, remembering the count, then holding fast for 10 to 15 seconds. If you don't get a strike, then pull off five more pulls and hold fast again. Continue to repeat this process until you get to 60 or more pulls. Then reel in, and start all over. When you get a fish, remember where you stopped. After landing the fish, drop back to the exact number of pulls you had the previous hit.

A minor technique employed that will work at times is to pull in two or three feet of line and drop back several times in succession, and repeat this process each time you stop at a new depth. When baitfishing, maintain the reel with the anti-reserve lever in the off position. This will require that you thumb the spool to keep pressure on the line. Blues will often strike a bait at night lightly, and

if your reel is locked in gear, the bait may be stolen. Therefore, when detecting the hit (and you'll know it when it occurs), allow the line to peel off a few feet before engaging the drag, then haul back sharply to set the hook. However, there are times when the fish are voracious and swallow the bait immediately. At these times, it's better to maintain your reel with the drag on, permitting you to set the hook immediately. These are alternatives that will become readily apparent when you're fishing.

As a general rule, location on the boat will have a bearing on how many fish you will catch. When anchored, either corner of the stern is the preferred spot for a couple of reasons. First, you can dropback without much chance of becoming entangled and second, you can dropback into the chum slick. Most chum slicks begin from the bow and follow the current, which is normally towards the stern, unless wind conditions cause the boat to hold position at odds with the current. Second choice would be the bow, with sides last. The bow is the preferred position when drifting, however.

You will encounter a number of tangles when baitfishing. This occurs because lines will converge from all points towards the stern. When a fish is caught, it will cross other lines when being reeled in. The second cause is anglers reeling in lines to check their bait, or when they've missed a hit. It's not a good idea to constantly check your bait. Unless you get a hit and miss it, leave your bait in the water for awhile. However, put on fresh bait every 15 to 20 minutes, and also reel in after letting out considerable line and not getting a hit.

When you do encounter a tangle, and they can be pretty messy, you'd be better off cutting off your line and re-rigging. Chances are you'll get your rig back after the mate untangles the snarl, but even if you don't, you're ahead of the game anyway because you can get back to fishing quickly.

The procedures and courtesies applicable to day fishing with regard to landing fish are identical during night trips.

In closing, let me pass on a few tips which are applicable to either day or night fishing. First, bring along a cooler with ice, or a garbage pail to store your fish in. If you have neither and resort to using a burlap bag, be sure to wet it down frequently to prevent the fish from spoiling, especially during day trips. Second, wear waterproof boots and at least rain gear pants to prevent getting messed up, because blues are messy, bloody fish. Third, bring along a pair of fish pliers to facilitate cutting line and re-rigging. And finally, a rag is a must to wipe off and dry your hands.

We're fast approaching the time of the gorilla-sized blues, so I trust that my discussion will, in some measure, assist you in preparing for them.

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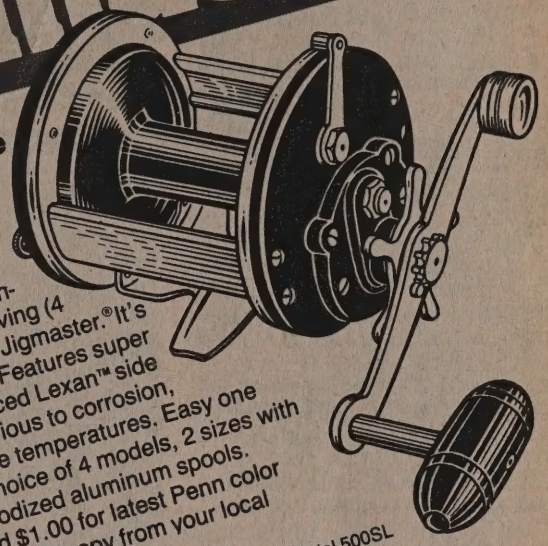

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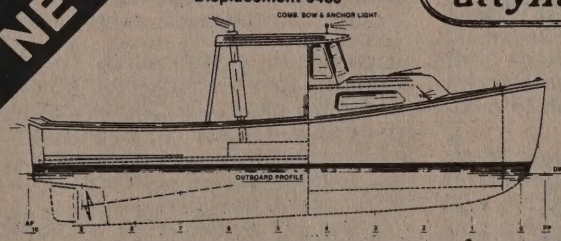

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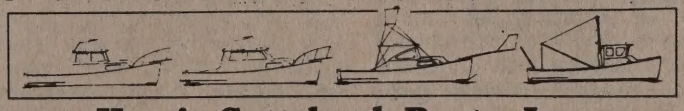

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THE BEGINNING

by Matt Ahern

Many an angler's fascination with fishing began with pursuing snappers from the neighborhood pier.

"Gee, mister! Are they biting?"

Startled, I whirled about, still clutching the struggling snapper I had just caught. A boy about fourteen was standing several feet back of me, spinning rod in one hand, bucket in the other, an embarrassed grin on his face.

"I'm sorry if I scared you mister," he said as he came nearer and peered into my fish bucket. "Hey! You're doing okay. Mind if I fish here, too?"

I baited up with a fresh spearing. "Be my guest," I replied.

He settled himself, impaled a spearing on his hook, noticed at what depth I was fishing, and adjusted his bobber accordingly. No novice this, I told myself.

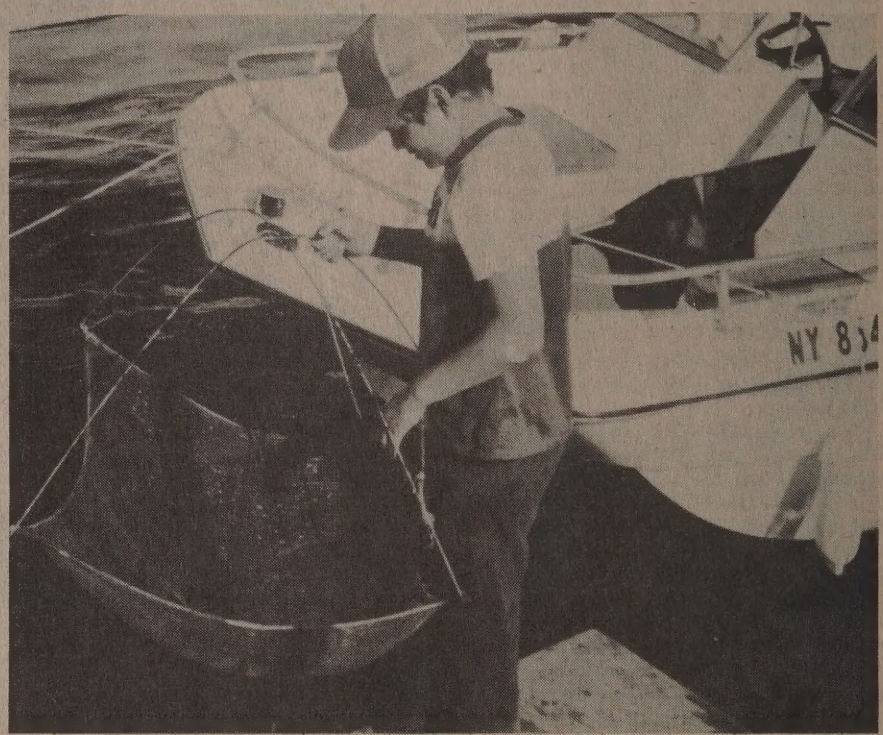
Intending to be helpful, I nodded my head toward the area I had been fishing. "Cast over there—this side of those old spilings—and let the current carry the bait along. Like this." I flipped open the bail of my spinning reel and made a cast. "Now, watch."

The bobber drifted a few feet, suddenly bounced twice, and went under with a rush. I raised the rod tip smartly. The hooked fish made a sidelong dash, its glinting, brassy side flashing in the sun as it swam in a tight arc. A few seconds later I lifted out a nice-sized snapper, removed the hook, and dropped the fish into the bucket.

I offered a few more suggestions, but this kid needed no lessons from me. He hooked fish after fish with expert ease; he proved to be a past master at the art of snapper fishing. When we quit, we each had several dozen seven to nine inch snappers, dozens more had been released to live and fight another day.

An old-time sinker bouncer once told me he was convinced every neighborhood had a Huck Finn. I'm sure he was right, for I recall that 60 or so years ago when I first began snapper fishing in Sheepshead Bay, there was always a kid in the gang who could outfish the rest of us. It has always been thus for dedicated fishermen, I guess, and I guess, too, that it will always be so.

I know that as a boy in my old Brooklyn neighborhood there were many youngsters who were enthusiastic snapper fishermen. And I'm sure many old-timers who read this will agree there were just as many around and about in their own particular neighborhoods. Few will deny that it was this child's pursuit of snappers that caused all us beat-up old-timers to become enamoured with the fishing game. We fellows readily admit that for us the charm and fascination of fishing beggars description. And this applies whether we fish for snappers, flounder, or cod.



An umbrella net provides plenty of fresh snapper bait.

It was my buddy Artie Leidecker who acquainted me with Sheepshead Bay, the thrill of snapper fishing, and saltwater angling—and even today he'll remind me of it. Up until that time, Artie and I had done all our fishing in a Brooklyn for bullheads and white perch. Then, the following year Aaron Feldman and Jimmy Anderson joined our snapper safaris and the four of us had some grand times. Ah, sweet, blessed memories of childhood.

It was Jimmy who was the fair-haired boy, the one who seemed to always outfish us. He was good at it, no question about it. And it was Aaron who was usually low man on the totem pole. Those tricky snappers simply found it easy to outfox him. But a few years later when the four of us took up party boat blackfishing on the Sea Bright, New Jersey grounds, it was Aaron who was usually high-hook (and the pool-winner). And blackfish are a lot more difficult to catch than snappers, let me tell you. So, you figure it out; I gave it up a long time ago.

Not to change the subject, but I've found the following to be a strange paradox: fishermen are never happy when they catch small fish, but they will deliberately go out of their way to catch snappers. There is something about these small bluefish that is irresistible to most fishermen.

The spawning habits of most fish caught around Long Island are considered an open book to fishery scientists. These fellows know how and where such fish as flounder, fluke, weakfish, porgies, sea bass, etc., spawn—even to the water temperature necessary for successful hatching—but the spawning habits of bluefish need much more study and much of the bluefish's life is still cloaked in a mantle of mystery.

However, mystery or no mystery, one thing fishermen know is that from mid-August on into early October, snappers are available when fished from boats, piers, canals, and any shoreline with sufficient depth to entice baitfish. Piers jutting into the ocean, breakwaters and jetties along ocean fronts and inlets can also be depended upon to produce good

fishing. There are few fishing areas snappers will not venture into to seek out food.

The nice thing about snapper fishing is its utter simplicity. One can use a two or three piece take-apart bamboo pole (this can hardly be called a rod as we understand the word today), or one of the many light spinning outfits available in any tackle shop. When we were kids, all we had were bamboo poles, but today's technology has certainly made it easier for fishermen—and tougher on the fish. I know I have caught more snappers on a spinning rod than I ever caught on a bamboo pole. And it's more fun, too.

If all you have is a bamboo pole, fret not...you'll still get your share of snappers. Rigging a bamboo snapper pole is easy. All that is needed is a length of line about a foot longer than the rod, a plastic or cork bobber, and a snapper hook. These hooks are known by old-timers as Bridgeport snapper hooks, but if you are unsure, ask the man behind the counter for snapper hooks; he'll know exactly what you mean. You can also use a Carlisle hook in sizes two to four.

Stay away from regular-shanked hooks such as the Sproat. Snappers may be small, but just as their bigger brothers, their mouths are armed with many strong, needle-sharp teeth which makes it easy for them to bite through hook snells. If a short, regular-shanked hook is all you have, be sure to use a four inch piece of fine wire as a snell.

The best line to use on these bamboo poles is a length of 10 pound test monofilament. If you use a substitute, be sure to include a three foot piece of monofilament as a leader. While snappers are bold, there are times when they become line shy; the mono leader will help overcome this.

The important thing to remember is not to use too long a line with the pole as there is no reel to take in slack. Try to hook your fish and lift it in with one smooth motion. Any slack line can, and usually does, mean a lost fish.

Use a couple of split-shot, or a medium-sized clincher sinker above the hook snell. This will help keep the bobber upright, and also aid the fish to overcome its buoyancy. Incidentally, should you find the terminal tackle tangling or wrapping around the line, this is easy to overcome: simply stop the bait's forward motion before it enters the water. This also applies to any of the small lures used with a spinning rod.

Although the bobbers commonly used are round, I prefer the long, slender type. They are more sensitive and offer no resistance when the snapper moves off with the bait. However, regardless of what type you use, it must be adjusted to present your bait at the proper level. This is important because there are days when snappers will prefer one feeding depth over others, therefore if you find the exact depth (level) you will get more action. It pays to experiment.

Snappers will take a variety of baits: spearing (fresh), live killies, and strips of fish bait all work well. Strips of snapper or squid will sometimes prove irresistible, as will sand eels. My experience has shown that the best of all is a fresh spearing. Frozen baits will produce fish, too, but nothing beats fresh spearing from the net.

If you plan to do much snapper fishing, it will pay to invest in an umbrella net. Let down in shallow water over sand bottom and baited with canned cat food, it will produce a day's bait in minutes—on an **incoming** tide.

If you expect to do your snapper fishing from a boat, consider using chum. I know that it is expensive today (what isn't?), but divided among several buddies isn't all that much, and it will certainly bring you action. Frozen bunker chum, mixed with sea water to the consistency of a thin soup and ladled overboard at intervals will soon have the surface boiling with snappers. You can also stretch your supply with tins of cat food.

Until the advent of light spinning tackle, snappers were considered the fun fish of grandpa and the kids. Not so today, as more and more anglers are turning to light spinning gear and lures for their snapper fishing. A light, six foot rod with matching reel filled with six pound test monofilament will enable you to cast any of the light lures now on the market.

Small Kastmasters, Sidewinders in blue and nickel finish to resemble small mossbunker, and various other shiny lures in those styles are readily accepted by snappers. Lures should be cast as far as possible, allowed to sink a few feet, and then reeled back with just enough speed to impart the necessary action. This type of snapper fishing is sport to the nth degree.

If you wish, you can dispense with the lures and use whole spearing—as with the bamboo pole. With this method, cast as far as possible and slowly retrieve the bait. If there are snappers around, you'll have one immediately. This is a good method to use whenever the current moves slowly. You will also find the larger fish hugging bottom after mid-September. This method is sure to put them in your bucket.

Snappers make tasty eating. The smaller ones should be pan-fried; the larger ones make delicious fillets, especially when dipped into a mixture of flavored bread crumbs, milk and egg, and fried in bacon drippings. You'll be glad the snapper is so plentiful because after tasting them prepared this way, there won't be enough to satisfy your appetite.

If you've never gone snapper fishing, you owe it to yourself to try it. You may find as I did that doing so will be the beginning of your fishing career. If so, you've got lots of company.

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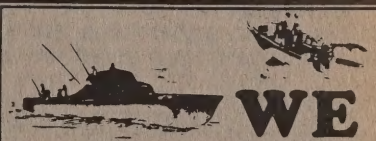

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MINING FOR SUMMER SILVER

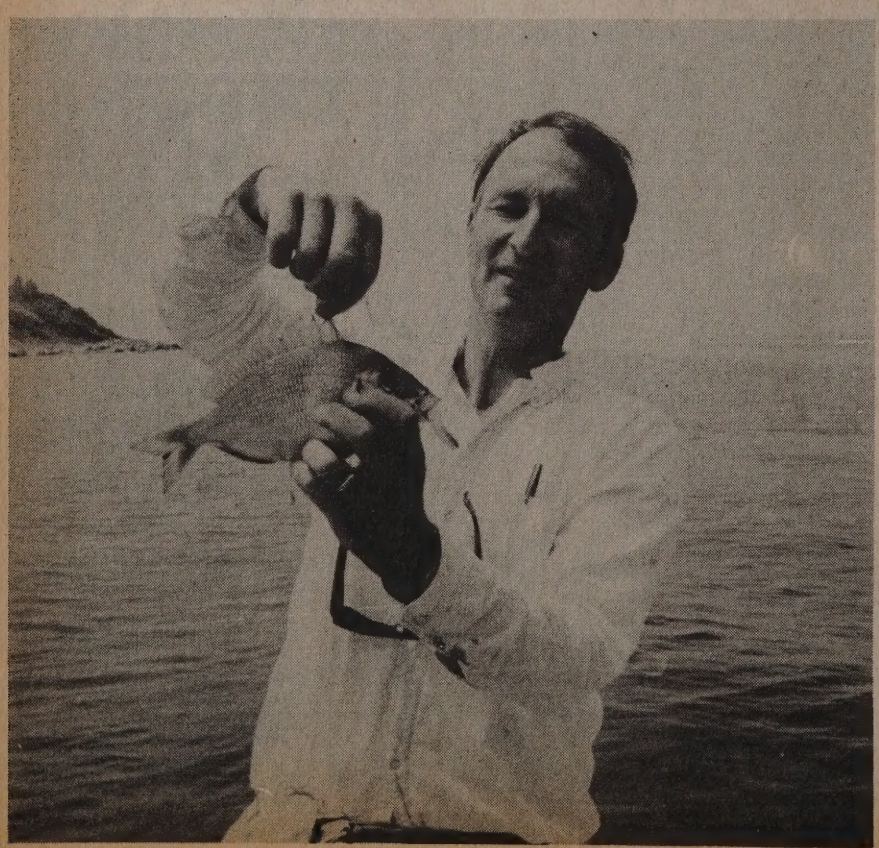
by Marty & Jan Garrell

The value of this scrappy little bottom hugger extends beyond its eating qualities.

Saltwater panfish always have a special appeal for many anglers. Maybe that's because they grew up fishing freshwater ponds and lakes where bluegill, white perch, yellow perch, or crappie were abundant. Maybe these fish were the very first they were introduced to as youngsters. Maybe the "inch for inch, pound for pound" syndrome is still important to them. After all, if fresh or saltwater panfish ever grew to the size of the glamorous predators, they'd chew up our gear and spit the pieces back at us. In any case, the porgy, the king of the summertime, finds a resonance that runs especially deep for us and many other anglers who are not averse to a little sinker bouncing.

Not long ago we were fluke fishing on the Sound with friends who had just returned from a three day offshore jaunt. They'd had neither hits, runs, nor errors—only one encounter of the third kind with a billfish that wandered into a chum slick and refused to be baited. The slow pace of fluking on the wrong tide (low incoming) and the annoying monotony of releasing small sea robins began to get to them. Would they want to try porgies? Why not? A few minutes run to a little rip in 30 feet of water, a few more minutes to ready the chum pot and slice some skimmer clam, then the rigs go over and...

Of course, the first few minutes were disappointing. The few boats around us left and the sea robins seemed to be determined to pester us to death. Suddenly, come the sharper raps on the rigs. We missed the first two hits; no bait left on the hooks. Finally we got the timing and lifted sharply between the pecks. Two minutes later we found ourselves laughing and shouting as silver began to fly over the rails. "You know," said the offshore sportsman, "this is a lot more fun than we've had in a couple of days!" Thus another fishing trip was put into proper perspective by **Stenotomus chrysops**—the porgy.



Portrait of the author and one of his best friends.

One way or another, to fish endlessly without catching fish takes much of the pleasure from the sport. Schooled up in large numbers as he usually is, the porgy seldom lets the resourceful angler go home without something in the bucket. Resourcefulness is truly the key to mining silver in the summer, especially out on the East End. It begins with the choice of tackle—as sensitive as possible to feel the fish and time the strikes, but sturdy enough to handle whatever sinker weights are necessary. With small sizes, the rule (let's be truthful, a 14 inch, two pound porgy is a trophy in most areas, and a 17 inch three pound jumbo is a career fish!), the porgy is an ideal fish for ultralight gear because of its flat sides, swift changes of direction and sharp bursts of speed. Tackle in the two to four pound class should be ideal. But the "rule of tens" applies as it does everywhere else to bottom fishing; namely, if the angler has to stream much more than ten times the true pound test of his mono line (distance is in feet; test in pounds), elasticity will hinder hook setting markedly. Also, if you are fishing more ounces of sinker weight than the true test of the line in pounds, you're stretching things, too. Hence, you are pushing four pound line by using more than four ounces of lead or fishing more than 40 feet of water, and if you need more than eight ounces of lead to fish more than 80 feet, you've also got problems.

Still the tendency to go as light as you can for the picky porgy makes a lot of sense. In fact, Bud Dorman of the "Waxed," Montauk's premier porgy boat, urges customers to go down to 10 pound gear if they can handle it while streaming heavy sinkers back in the tide. Full buckets advertise the delicate touch. For our own angling on the North Fork, we usually put aside the spinning gear in favor of very light conventional outfits

for most of our porgy fishing, and because our personal fishing is often done in 30 to 50 foot depths with sinkers from two to about six ounces, we spool a couple of little old plug reels with lines testing from four to six pounds. The old reels have no drags at all; so we thumb them to strike, stretch the line as much as we can, and try to take a couple of turns to pull a full arc in our light rods. Naturally, we have to ease up quickly as soon as a porgy zips away, for a medium fish of 1½ pounds can pop a snubbed thread line without any trouble at all. Ironically, because they turn on the power so suddenly, large porgies are at least as much of a breakway threat on ultralight as schoolie bass or small cod.

Rigs need not be complicated. A pair of #4 to #8 beaked hooks on a pair of short 12 to 18 inch, 20 pound test snells, linked with a loop and overhand knot and fastened to a small conventional or three-way swivel does the job. The sinker goes on a fish-finder above the swivel or as a tie-off from the three-way. If you can't come up with sufficiently small hardware, just finish your line with a 20 pound test snubber; then put some loops at the end and a few inches above it to fasten sinker and snells respectively. If you use thread line, you will want a few feet of 20 pound on the bitter end, secured with a shock leader knot of some sort. This helps resist the torsion of the rig in the tides. Going down to the swivel or sinker rig directly will result in constantly snarled rigs. On occasion, we've noticed that a "fluke type" rig with a size 2 hook as its principal and a size 6 stinger a few inches behind induces lots of action from larger fish, especially when the front hook is baited with a small pennant of squid and the stinger with a half sandworm. Maybe such a rig on such an outrageously long 36 inch leader dances so well in a running tide that the big scup get suckered. After all, a small white 1/4 to 1/2 ounce bucktail and a tiny pennant of squid often produces some nice porgies for us when we're drifting for fluke. Though we've beaten around the bush here on baits, we ought to say categorically that fresh sliced skimmer usually performs as well or better than anything else on standard rigs.

On the North Fork where we fish, anglers can take their pick of August and early September hotspots. In the Peconics, the South Race and Jessups areas still have smaller fish under 3/4 pounds while larger scup to 1¾ pounds can often be located from the South Ferry eastward around Shelter Island. The Sound has mixed sizes from Mattituck east to Orient, but there always seem to be a few 1½ to 2 pound fish mixed with buckets of scup taken from 25 to 35 foot depths. For up-to-date information on porgies in these areas, try contacting Captain Marty's in New Suffolk, the Mattituck Fishing Station, or the Port of Egypt in Southold. Gardiner's and Plum Island have their fans, too. Just ask Art White at the A.P. White Bait Shop in Greenport about the excellent fishing that often occurs aboard the Peconic Star and the Brand X. The Wilhelric comes up from Sag Harbor to probe the same lodes. Of course, there is a lot of big water and afternoon wind down that way, and small boat fans who fish those areas have to choose their days with care.

If you do fish porgies yourself, you really should be armed with a weighted pot loaded with clam or bunker chum or squid cleanings. Sure, its' inconvenient; sure it's a leap of faith to hang in there when you drop the pot into a recommended area and pull nothing but sea robins for nearly 20 minutes. But be patient. Given time, the more aggressive porgies should eventually push the robins to one side, especially in a running tide.

Whether you're the quiet type or the type who hollers with glee when the action speeds up, chances are that striking silver will appeal to you. Whether you use medium, light, or ultralight gear, no matter how sophisticated your fishing has become, mining those mother lodes of summer will make you feel like a kid all over again.

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MAKE MINE ON THE ROCKS

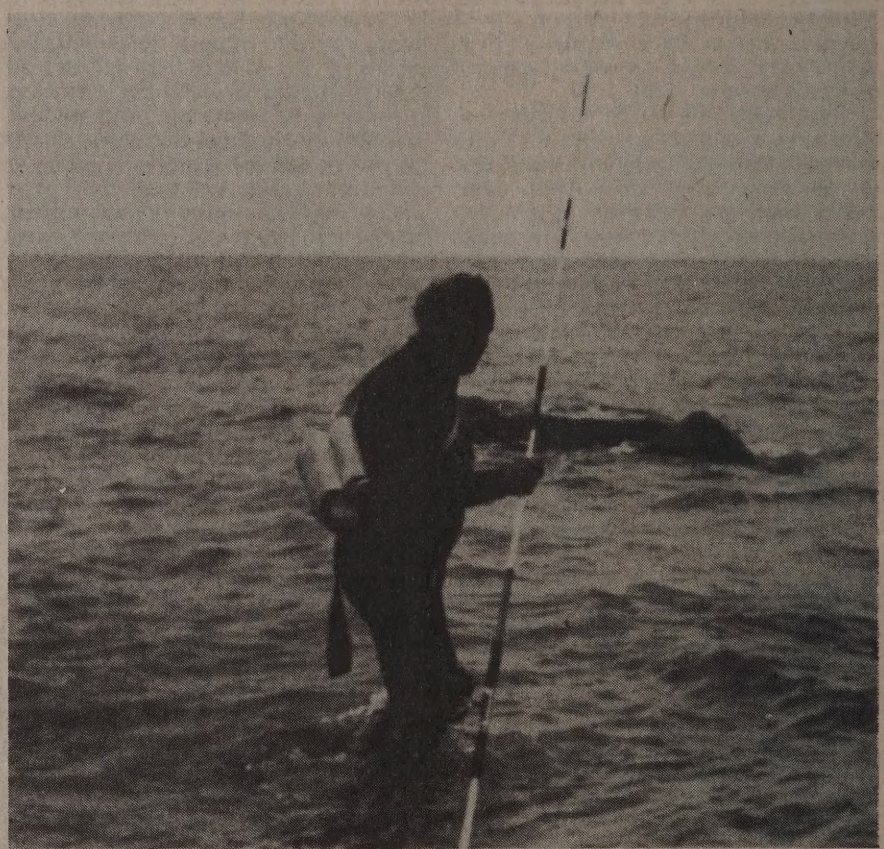
by John Fritz

This secluded stretch of east end beach provides rock clinging casters with some fine surf fishing action.

The Montauk shoreline which lies between Ditch Plains and Turtle Cove is probably the most secluded stretch of beach on Long Island. Its rugged majesty is somewhat alien to our typical ocean beaches of clean white sand featuring a background of ever-changing sand dunes; a terrain more likely to be found along the northern New England coast. I'm sure many more people, not only the handful of surfcasters, would enjoy the beauty of this unique area, but access to this shore is almost completely in control of a few elite landowners who own the adjacent waterfront properties. While it is true that the easternmost parcel is under federal jurisdiction, with prior access permitted, the closure of the Air Force Base blocks the lone, simple approach for the general public. At the present time, entry to what is known as the "Bluffs" can be accomplished only from either end: Ditch Plains on the west and the Lighthouse parking lot on the east.

The exclusion of the vast majority of surf fishermen is unfortunate, for the five or so miles of shoreline encompasses some of the best fishing areas on Long Island. Such legendary places as the Coconuts, Caswell's, Driftwood Cove, or Frisbie's are, for all practical purposes, beyond the reach of all but a few dedicated enthusiasts. Even with entry assured from either end, the distance, over difficult terrain, is too far for the casual surfcaster to attempt. All these detracting remarks should not imply that all surf fishing has ceased in this area for knowledgeable surfmen trek into the area known as "the Fort" to participate in many enjoyable moments of fishing away from the press of anglers vying for the recognized hotspots "Up Front." During the fall run, when productive space on the north side is at a minimum, the area under the bluffs is an ideal location for an angler to avoid the feverish activity around the bend. However, until the fall comes anglers can catch weakfish and an occasional striped bass.

Before continuing with my remarks, there are a few words of caution to be expressed before novice anglers venture into this area. This is a region washed by the full force of the ocean's waves and featuring numerous boulder-strewn ledges interrupted periodically by tidy coves. The customary practice of anglers frequenting the area is to push into the water and perch on various flat-topped rocks thereby exposing one's self to the full power of the surf. Even though many area surfmen don wet suits in their quest of the more distant rocks, anglers clad in conventional waders can also share in the action. Cleated soles or at the very least, felt soles are necessary to provide a minimal chance of maintaining one's footing in this difficult terrain. The point I would like to bring across is that in most instances, it is essential to wade into the water to reach the fish; only on rare occasions is it possible to stand at the water's edge and be successful.



Jack "The Painter" Murray sets himself up on a south side flattop getting ready for a night's fishing.

At times, the fish are extremely cooperative, enabling an angler to literally fill his stringer. The only problem will be trying to get these fish back to the car. Hopefully, one will choose to carefully release all fish which cannot be carried out, because dragging fish through the wash will not be possible.

With these few words of preparation taken care of, let us proceed with a basic approach for those inclined to try fishing here on a gentle summer night. It would be wise to scout the shore beforehand during the daylight hours, at which time flat rocks in choice locations within reach of the beach can be noted. It also wouldn't be a bad idea to test any rocks chosen to determine if they are within reach and if they will provide adequate footing, for in the darkness everything will look completely different. Although few anglers make the effort to fish the Fort, second and third locations should be checked out should your primary spot be taken before returning for the tide.

The basic lures for this form of fishing are the Rebel type of swimming plugs, either in the five or seven inch models. While sinking plugs are rarely used, for obvious

reasons, weighted RedFins and Hellcats will often provide that extra reach which may mean the difference between success or failure. One's first inclination would be to leave all unnecessary items back in the vehicle, but on the other hand, it should be remembered that a lost or forgotten piece of gear could put an end to the night's fishing. This is especially perplexing because anyone wading into the surf should be burdened with the least amount of gear possible. We all know how difficult it is to choose only a small number of favorite plugs, but the smaller plug bags with the single row of compartments is less burdensome than the standard-sized plug bag. Of course, it is possible to carry two bags and leave the larger one, filled with backup items, safe on the shore. An additional bag could contain a reserve supply of plugs for two or three companions along with extra spools, teasers and most important, a pair of cutting pliers, since help for an embedded hook is a long way off. A thought to be considered before travelling into this area alone.

A possible listing of plugs, all of which have produced fish in the past, would include two seven-inch RedFins—one loaded and the other undoctored. Popular colors are blue and pearl, red and white, and yellow and pearl. A similar line-up of RedFins in the five inch models is also recommended as are one or two metal-lipped swimmers if there is larger bait present. Weighted Hellcats in such colors as silver, yellow and black should also be included along with a small selection of jointed Rebels or RedFins. It would be beneficial to insert a few teasers, both featured and Red Gills, should the fish be inclined to feed on smaller baitfish.

Various blanks are capable of casting lures in this weight category, but in this area it is necessary to subdue any fish rather rapidly before it gets the opportunity to rub your line against one of the numerous rocks. A 10 foot rod in the light power class is suitable under these circumstances where the majority of the catch will be comprised of weakfish, a species noted for their fragile mouths. The length of the rod will provide the added leverage to cast the plug to the outer edge of the shelf while the flexibility will cushion any late surges should the weakfish make a last minute break for freedom under a tightened drag.

Ande line is noted for its resistance to abrasion; therefore, this is the first choice of the majority of anglers fishing in the midst of rocks. A Penn 704 or 706 spooled with 15 lb. test Ande is more than sufficient for weakies and will provide a measure of insurance should a 20 lb. bass suddenly decide to envliven the evening.

Any reels used for fishing under the Bluffs will be subjected to repeated submersions, therefore, it is advisable tc make sure that it is well lubricated beforehand with the gear compartment packed with a quality waterproof grease. This is a chore which should be undertaken when each new reel is purchased and one that requires periodic attention throughout the season when the reel is being submerged in saltwater.

The rallying cry of surfers is not one that southside rock fishermen are pleased to hear, for when the "surf's up," any thought of fishing this shoreline is forgotten. Many of the rocks are difficult enough to stay on top of without a curling breaker hitting you in the chest. It is more important to ascertain if there is a heave on, rather than determining the force and direction of the wind before making a trek into the Fort. During the summer months the predominant winds are from a southwesterly direction, a beneficial onshore wind here which can urge both predator and prey close to the shore. Usually this wind will produce short choppy waves which are of little consequence to southside anglers. Another characteristic of a southerly summer wind is that it dies shortly after sunset providing ideal conditions for working RedFins or rebel swimming plugs.

Fierce northerly winds have little effect when fishing under the protection of these high cliffs, rewarding the surfman with some measure of compensation for placing such an imposing obstacle in his access route. These same rutted cliffs pose a further restriction during periods of heavy rains due to the fact that they are susceptible to erosion which creates a band of muddy water along the shore—a condition which will hamper the fishing if the clear water beyond cannot be reached with the cast.

The majority of anglers working these beaches prefer to fish on an ebbing tide. By starting at high water on previously selected rocks close to shore they can work their way seaward following the dropping tide, choosing rocks further out in the process. A technique practiced by those clad in wet suits is to swim to a distanct rock and fish from the one comfortable rock until the tide has receded to a point where it is no longer feasible to continue fishing. With a dropping tide, one can be assured that he can always reach the shore, a practice which newcomers to the area are advised to follow until they acquire a better understanding of their capabilities and a feel for the waters they are now fishing.

A journey into the southside bluffs can open up a new horizon for a surfman working the same familiar beaches. The total isolation, when perched on a wave-swept rock, with the lone sign of civilization being the rhythmic sweep of the lighthouse beam can generate a feeling of what it might have been like in the distant past before man put his mark on the far reaches of the earth.

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by Capt. Zac Grossman

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Lines have been checked and cut back, drags set, and anglers prepared for tough battles requiring patience and finesse. Is the quarry giant tuna? No, it is schools of small to medium bluefish which have been surfacing every morning. Why, then, such concern about tackle and attitudes? The reason is the tackle and the object is to have fun with each and every fish.

The six foot, one-handed spinning sticks loaded with quality four pound test are at the ready. The 8 and 10 pound outfits are in the rod racks for later use on jumbo fish.

The RPMs drop as the boat is positioned uptide of a surface feeding school of five to six pounders. The air is filled with screeching terns and pieces of sand eels. The light tins hit the water and don't even travel a yard before a bluefish grabs hold and streaks away. Oh, the sweet sound of a screaming drag—better make that drags. Everyone is hooked up. By using light tackle, any fish can be turned into a fire-breathing adversary.

The action described above takes place at Montauk daily, throughout the bluefish season, with fish coming up at dawn and dusk. Fall finds them getting larger and staying up longer and usually heralds the arrival of bonito and false albacore. Finding the fish is as easy as leaving the jetties and heading toward the Lighthouse. Somewhere in-between, the fish will be spotted. This proximity to port makes this kind of fishing a natural for rented and trailered craft, as well as those sailing out of Montauk. Remember, when fishing these schools that they may be on the route followed by the fleet of charter and party boats that will pass through the area up to four times a day (half day trips).

Many of the charter boats will be fishing with wire. There are so many schools of fish to chase that there is no need to crowd the trollers. They have to fish specific bottom structure or areas of a rip and this means they will be running ranges. Causing them to alter course would not be considered fishing courtesy.

Schools of fish will be popping up all around you, but catching them is not as easy as finding them. Fortunately, most boat traffic will be heading to spots further out, leaving you to compete only against those interested in this brand of fishing.

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Author with a "Cartwright alligator" whipped on eight pound test by Nancy Ruf.

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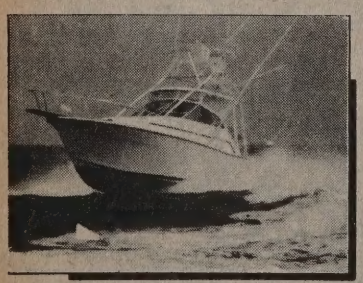

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Every time a school surfaces, the race begins. Boats swarm toward the fish and sooner or later, one of them will come too close and put the school down. Ideally, the object is to hook up before this happens; so getting to a feeding school quickly is important. Upon seeing the fish you must decide whether you are in a good position to get to them in time. If, for example, you are in a rented skiff with a 10 horse outboard, you can't out-race the runabout with a 135, so why head for the same school he's after? When you see a pack of boats heading for a surfaced school and you know you will not be among the first ones there, head for an area a few hundred yards away and keep your eyes open. The first few to reach the school will have fish on while the slower boats will crowd in on the fish in desperation and drive them down. Now, the odds are about 50/50 on whether the school will come up on your side of the "wolf pack" or on the far side. If they surface on your side, you will probably be among the first to get there, especially if the faster boats of the pack are still fighting their fish. The fish may even come up all around you.

If the school comes up on the far side of the pack, head in that direction and pass them by a few hundred yards as this is a good indication of the direction the school is travelling, and wait. If you have a fast boat, so much the better because now you can have "privacy" more often if you avoid the pack. When you head for a surfaced school, cautiously approach from upwind or uptide and begin casting when at the limit of your casting range. When busily fighting fish, try to remain aware of the school's direction of travel so you can hit them again after landing your fish, which should take quite some time with this tackle.

Now that you've positioned the boat, made a cast, and hooked a fish, you must do a very unnatural thing: remain calm. With this kind of gear a bluefish cannot be "horsed." Leave the drag alone. Let the fish run, as the quickly decreasing spool diameter will automatically be increasing the drag. If the fish is a real hot one, be prepared to loosen the drag to prevent the light line from parting. If the rod's bend is getting more and more pronounced, or you can hear the wind whistling loudly over the line, you can be sure that the drag is getting too tight and needs to be adjusted. Do not turn the reel handle while a fish is taking line as this puts twists in the line and weakens it. With four pound test you don't need to help the fish. Pump and reel when the fish is not running and be prepared for its second wind, third wind, etc. Be ready for a run under the boat. It may be necessary to stick the rod into the water, up to the reel, if the fish makes a run under the hull and then straight away. When the fish is alongside and ready, either lift him in by the leader or gaff him. Once the fish is aboard, remember to open the bail to release tension on the line so as not to catapult the lure into someone's hand or worse. If you can take all this excitement, then repeat the process again (if you kept an eye on the other boats, you know which way to head).

Action like this can sometimes be found with bigger fish further to the east at the Submarine Buoy and Southwest Ledge, but be careful about the weather. These spots are very exposed to the elements and there is a lot of active (tidal rips) water to cover on the way home. Smaller boats be advised.

Tackle for this surface action consists of one-handed spinning gear balanced for line from four to ten pound test and capable of casting lures from 1/4 to 1/2 ounces, with authority. Tins, spoons, plugs, all work well and bucktails worked slowly down deep can account for weakfish feeding under the blues. Light baitcasting outfits are also ideal out here, becoming easier and easier to use with the new anti-backlash technology growing so fast. I keep my lures prerigged with leaders of 10 or 15 pound test nylon-covered steel leaders. I tie them directly to the lures using a perfection loop which allows the lure to swing freely. A perfection loop at the other end permits easy changing of lures; there is a snap swivel at the end of the fishing line. Flycasting tackle can range from regulation saltwater down to willowy "trout" rods as it is pretty easy to connect when the fish are all around you. This makes for an ideal situation for practicing technique, especially clearing line off the deck and through the stripping guide while a hot bluefish is streaking away. Losing a fish here is no tragedy, there are plenty more and it will help you tie faster knots.

Now it's time to move further offshore. The schools have stopped rising and only the trollers are connecting. We head for a place called Cartwright. This legendary spot is the "home of the large ones." These fish have developed a following of their own and are affectionately called different names as if they were another species. Allagators, gorillas, and gorillagators are all Cartwright bluefish. The fish are here throughout the summer and fall months. This spot is always populated with boats at anchor—private, charter and party boats. The usual method in use is bottom fishing with herring baits on drails armed with hooks on a chain leader, all this attached to a conventional outfit testing 30 to 50 pounds.

This is a place where the light tackle angler can really test his mettle and his equipment. The fish are deep in about 70 to 90 feet of water and starting one toward the surface is a job and a half. Light tackle here would be spinning or baitcasting gear testing 8 to 15 pounds. Either one can be used with herring baited drails even though this is a grossly unbalanced setup. Of course, once the fish is on, this no longer matters.

With light line there is less water resistance and this may allow you to use lighter drails, some experimentation is necessary. Hooks must be needle-sharp, as setting them in a bluefish 90 feet below you with a rod already doubled over from the weight of the drail leaves very little backbone to draw on.

Diamond jigs are not the best bet here as their effectiveness only lasts for a portion of the tide, much less than the herring's. Someone aboard should periodically try them, perhaps for five minutes every half hour, until they become hot, then everyone can switch. This is the time to go back to the ultralight gear if you want a real thrill, maybe even a shot at a world record. Such tackle is not balanced to an Ava 47 jig, but it still catches fish. A four ounce jig on a one-handed spinner would be difficult to jig with as the rod merely bends further toward the water with each lift rather than imparting that "snap" to the lure. Squidding is the method to use. Let the lure go to the bottom and watch carefully for that momentary hesitation in the line coming off the reel that signifies contact.

Start the retrieve immediately, reeling rapidly. The light stick will bend way over and then the lure will start its ascent. Fish the depths; don't reel the jig to the surface, keep letting it back down after a 20 foot climb unless the fish move up off the bottom, as indicated by the depth recorder or advice from others who are hooking up closer to the surface. The fish will hook themselves if the hooks are sharp. The battle will be long and tough, punctuated with short runs toward the bottom and much bulldogging which should lead to aching wrists and many pauses for rest between fish.

Jigs can be fished very successfully at the Sub Buoy and Southwest Ledge and many places in-between while drifting, again keeping your distance from the trollers. Drifting at Cartwright will work for short periods of the tide, but the toughest part is being conscious of the large fleet always anchored there. Keep to the edges of the fleet or join them at anchor. It takes plenty of scope to anchor in 90 feet of water, so know what you are doing or risk tangling up in someone's rod by dragging your anchor.

Travelling toward Cartwright, especially around dawn sometimes finds the alligators on the surface. This is a moment to be seized. You can try the lightest of gear including fly outfits on the toughest of adversaries, a monster bluefish with 90 feet of water below him and no land for miles. A sizzling run is guaranteed, the outcome is not. I have often found these fish surfaced while on the way offshore. It pays to keep casting equipment at the ready. A 15 pound blue on a six pound tippet or four pound line is something to remember, and that is what light tackle fishing is all about—a thrill from every fish.

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GETTING THE FEEL FOR FLUKE

by Jason Colby

Developing the right "touch" means more fluke in the cooler.

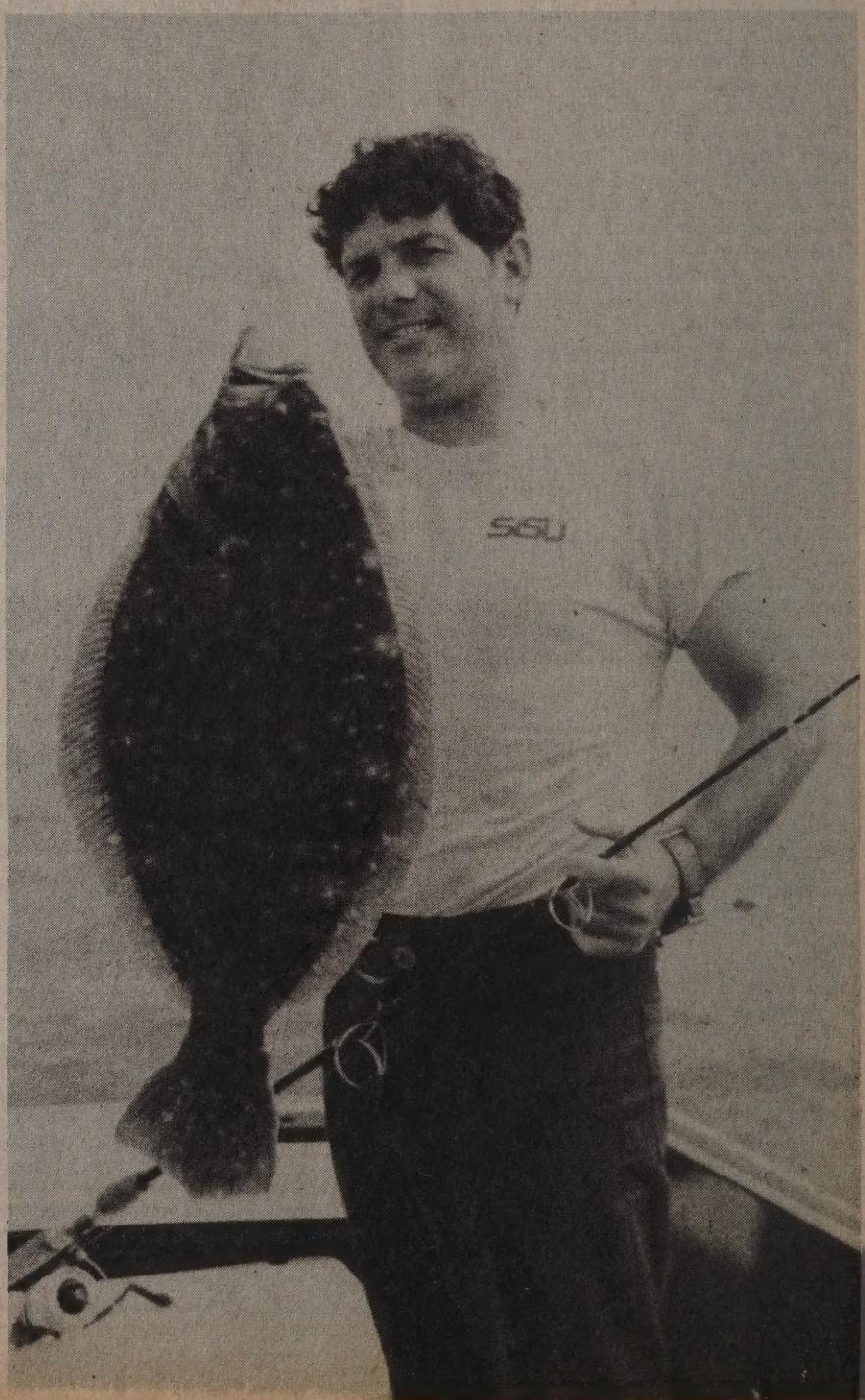
In 1982, I went fluke fishing for the first time in many years and was worried I might have lost my touch. I was a guest aboard Jay Rigano's Montauk-based charter boat, the Lori-Jay on a beautiful late August afternoon. As Captain Jay maneuvered his boat out of Montauk Harbor, his first mate (and number one son), Drew Rigano cut the squid into long, thin strips while I rigged up.

The ride was a very short one to an area called Washington Shoals and shortly Jay slowed the engine and jockeyed into position for our first drift. We all got to the bottom at about the same time and all got clobbered by sea robins simultaneously. I volunteered to "cut it" for bait. Jay said, "That's all right" and put the fish in the box as his rod, which was left untended (while Jay was helping me untangle Drew's hook from the net) almost went overboard.

Jay netted the three pounder by himself while I dropped my righ the 38 foot distance to the bottom. I sweep my rod in a slow jigging fashion consisting of a three foot, slow lift (or "hop") and a drop of the rod tip which is to allow the sinker to rest on the bottom while the drift takes up the slack. When a fish grabs, all you feel is an increase in drag as though your sinker just got a bit heavier. At this point, you should immediately drop the tip (and maybe feed off a few feet of line if the drift is fast) to give your fluke a chance to get the hook into his mouth; then, a strong, steady lift until the rod tip is high overhead with a good solid bend. Reeling is a must to lower the rod to a comfortable fighting position without giving the fish any slack.

I was still concentrating on what I was doing when Jay started the engine for another drift. Since the drift was basically west to east and the sea robins were at the beginning, we started the second drift about 500 feet east of our first drift (according to the Lori-Jay's Loran). I was first down this time and almost immediately got a "customer," but when I began my lift, the fish didn't feel "solid" enough, so I dropped my rod tip and fed out line a second time. This obviously did the trick as I was well connected to a good fish.

I soon netted myself a nice fluke in



Montauk has a well-earned reputation for producing doormats like this one being displayed by Ken Turco.

the four pound class (which Jay offered to "cut up" for bait) and we had two or three fish on just about every drift for the rest of the afternoon. That day ended with Drew being the pool winner, me the hi hook, and Jay getting unanimous votes for "expert captain."

Long Island's fluke season is usually well under way by mid-May, with peak runs expected in early June and again in September, with moderate consistency in-between (depending on the particular year). 1982 happened to be a pretty good year for most of the Island by recent standards, with September at Montauk ending things with an extra big bang. Great fishing can occur during the course of a season at any of the "hotspots," such as the Tin Can Grounds, the artificial reefs off of Rockaway, Atlantic, Jones and Fire Island beaches as well as all the major inlets and channels. Also well worth noting is the Huntington-Eaton's Neck areas which has enjoyed some fantastic fishing in recent years with some truly huge doormats taken commonly.

All of these areas receive heavy play from a wide variety of small craft, party and charter boats, as well as many a yacht! Unfortunately, sometimes (such as weekends) crowds get so bad that you can just about walk from shore to shore on the drifting and maneuvering boats. Needless to say, caution and discretion (not to mention patience and courtesy) is advisable at such times.

Popular baits include tapered squid strips (one-half to four to six inches) plus a sand eel or spearing hooked once through the eyes or a live killie hooked once through the lips. The squid is also hooked only once on the thicker end of the strip. Also, strip baits of just about anything will work as fluke are not very picky. In order of popularity: sea robin, fluke, dogfish, mackerel, sundial, bunker, porgy, flounder, etc. The trick with strip baits is to cut and hook them so they don't spin. This means you should cut the corners off the thick end and hook it as close to the end as possible. If you hook any bait too far from the end and/or more than once, it will spin and thus be far less attractive.

When rigging, it's best to keep it simple. One hook on a three foot, 30 to 40 pound leader connected about two to six inches above a sinker (usually two to eight ounces) of minimum weight required to hold bottom. All of those spinner-bead, do-dad feather, swivel and what-not rigs are made by manufacturers to capture you and your dollar—not fluke!

While most small fluke can be lifted into the boat without the aid of a net, it is advisable to have one ready as each fish is reeled to the surface. Remember, you can't cook a lost fish and fluke taste too good to be given unnecessary chances. Keep in mind, there is a 14 inch legal minimum on New York State fluke.

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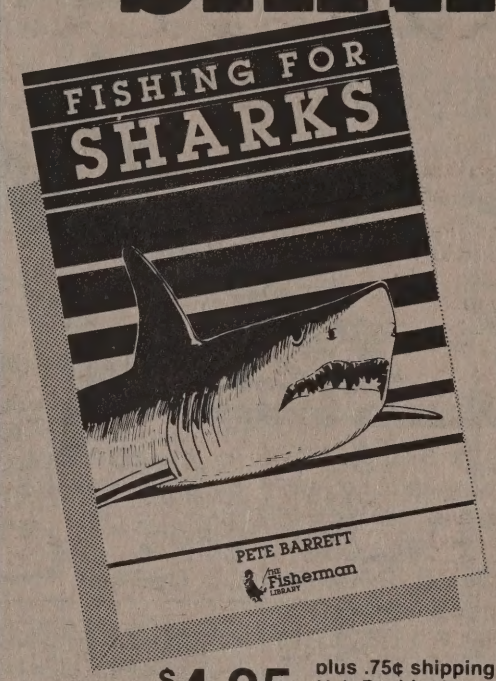

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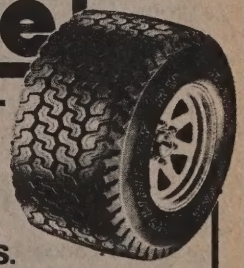

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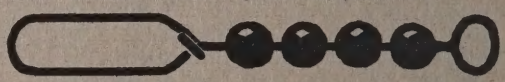

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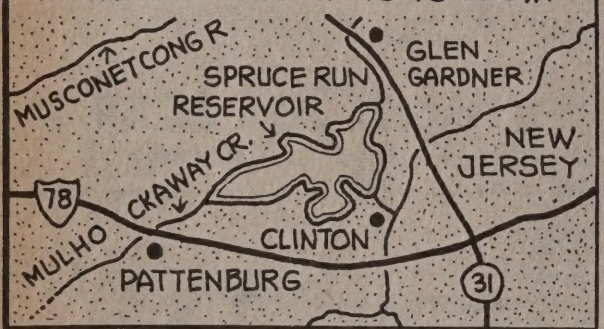

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East End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Not much that is bad can be said regarding the action out east, as most species continue to cooperate. Weakfish have made a very decent showing this past week also. For sheer volume of fish, blues take top awards.

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Maureen Senefelder of **Gone Fishing Marina** reported good action with weaks and blues on jigs at Block Island. Both the **Nostalgia II** and the **Alyssa Ann** have been doing well with these fish as well as the fluke which are settled into North Rips and east of Midway. On Saturday, Walter Geist ran 25 miles SE from the point and returned with a mixed catch of yellowfin and bluefin tuna as well as some true albacore. Max Genovese had half a dozen albacore on Green Machines on Friday. There are still some stripers to be had at the point. Capt. Bob Storc of the **Caprice** found 5 bass to 42 pounds, 12 weaks and a few blues for a charter late last week. On Friday night, Capt. Bob Rocchetta of the **Rainbow II** put Sal Russo onto 3 big bass including a 54½ pounder. This was Sal's second bass over 50 pounds taken in two trips with Bob this summer. Maureen reminded that this Saturday is the date for the Marina's big fluke tourney. You must pre-register at the Marina before 7AM on Saturday.

Capt. Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Kellyboat** reported good action with tuna and albacore south of the point in recent days. Sunday's charter returned with 6 true albacore and a pair of yellowfins. All were in the 30-50 pound class.

Capt. Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** said that fluking remains steady and there has been some good action with blues and weaks to round off the inshore scene. On the offshore scene, Joe found six brown sharks and a blue for a party headed by Jerry G. during the week. A party headed by Mr. Burton chummed up a 40 pound brown and then spent some time trolling football-sized bluefins. On Sunday, a party headed by Herb Charity returned with a nice mixed bag of inshore species

From the charter boat **Julie III** we hear of Saturday's trip for Brion Williams and group that boated roughtly 540 porgies up to 3¾ lbs., 12 blues and a dozen weaks. Sunday's trip for George Acosta resulted in a catch of 13 weaks to 11 lbs., 22 bluefish and 310 porgies. Both days action was at Great Eastern and on the south side.

A call from Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** told of the very succesful porgy trip to Nomans with 80 percent of the fish being large and jumbo porgies. The pool fish was 5½ lb. sea bass. Good numbers of sea bass and blackfish mixed in with the porgies. Nearly all fares had full pails and coolers of fish. As for the Coxes Ledge cod, catches have been very good on bait with fish averaging 8 to 14 lbs. and pool fish in the 30 to 40 lb. range. The local porgy action has been good at the Light with very good action Saturday and things slowing down a bit Sunday with all the boat traffic. Local porgies have been mediums to large, with a few jumbos. Fluking slowed a bit Friday and Saturday but bounced back on Sunday at the Rips. The night bluefishing continues fantastic south of Block Island with choppers in the large and gorilla size.

The porgy boats **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** had a very good Saturday. One fare aboard the Flying Cloud had 120 fish. On the Little Bear, one customer fishing two days during the week totalled 160 porgies. Dusty said that only the sharpies caught on Sunday due to the big swell that was one, but there are definitely plenty of porgies there. The skipper said if you know what you're doing, you can top off a bucket, no sweat. Fish have been medium to super jumbos and action is from the Lighthouse to Great Eastern, mostly drifting. To catch you have to be on the bottom, though. Choose your tackle with this end in mind.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** told of excellent porgy fishing at the Point and on the south side. Things slowed a bit on the weekend. During the week, a bucket or more was the reward for those who stayed at the rail and worked at it and sharp anglers could get 70 to 80 fish a trip.

A call from Captain John "Wizard" DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** informed us that he had the best weakfishing of the entire season to date this week, with over 250 weakfish in the 7-10 lb. range taken during the last 8 half day trips. This was all on diamond jigs, and a lot of bluefish are mixed into the catch. John said most of the action has been on the south side.

From the charter boat **Ebb Tide**, word has been passed on that the offshore grounds are showing a lot of tuna action now including longfin albacore and giants.

SOUTH FORK

Chris Salb of **Bayview Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** said that there are still plenty of porgies at Cedar Point, Buoy 11 and Buoy 14 though most are small. Fluke and blues still in good supply at Gardiners and for summer run weaks Chris suggested

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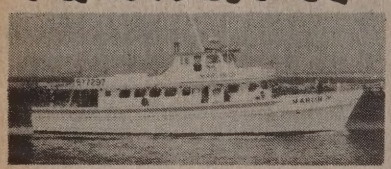

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Over at **Noyac Marina**, Helen Jacobsen said that school weaks remained plentiful south of the monastary and at buoy 16. Bill Fales continues to do well with squid and sandworms on these fish. On Sunday, the Tu family had 250 mixed sized porgies and 8 weaks in the buoy 17 area. Snappers remain plentiful and have improved in size around the Marina.

In **Southampton**, Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** said that snapper fishing continues good throughout the area. Fluke fishing is holding up both in East Channel and at the Inlet and there are still flounder west of the bridge. Also, quite a few trigger fish at the inlet for sinker bouncers. In the Peconics, Nassau Point, the Rose Grove and Buoy 16 all well supplied with small porgies and small weakfish. Use squid or sandworms for the weaks.

From **Hampton Bays**, the Shinnecock Canal open boat **Jenny Rose**, reported a good day on Saturday's offshore wreck trip with 140 sea bass and a mixture of ling taken by those on board. Hi-hook was Jim Parente with 30 sea bass and 4 ling. Most of the sea bass ranged between 1½ and 3 pounds. Evening trips still providing good action with small blues more times than not.

From Capt. Artie Lach of the **Sag Harbor** head boat **Wilhelric II** told us that Tuesday's fluking at Gardiner's was a slow pick, but he found dynamite action Wednesday fishing east of Gardiner's to the tune of roughly 350 keepers on the boat. The pool fish hit 7 lbs. on the nose and 99 percent were keepers. Regular Jack Gleason and three buddies hoisted 73 keepers amongst them. Porgies slowed down during the week somewhat

Greg Beacher with 400 lb. giant tuna taken southeast of Block Island aboard his Dawn. It was one of several he has landed in recent weeks. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

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and had to be classified as hot/cool. Catches ran from 20-70 a man, mixed sizes. Action was at Gardiner's and Plum Islands. The skipper has now denoted Monday and Tuesday as Ladies' Day (see ad for details). Also note the skipper says he has plenty of room on the boat Saturday and Sunday.

The **Shinnecock** charter boat **Sea Mist** advised there are plenty of marlin from 120 feet of water on out. He had three whites in the slick Sunday while sharking with a blue marlin occasionally coming into the slick. In fact, he had a blue marlin on for a half hour Monday before losing it. Sharking has been hot and cold, fishing SW of Shinnecock in 165 feet of water on makos, browns and blue shark.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Moriches Bay fluking seemed to receive a shot in the arm this week as a number of nice scores were reporte from here. Fluking in Great South Bay remained fair for the most part with most of the big news in this area being made offshore with marlin or bluefish. The number of marlin being found in 80-120' foot depths SE of Fire Island Inlet continues to amaze even the most veteran offshore anglers. Many boats reported sighting or raising anywhere from 20-50 marlin in the course of a day's fishing.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that the area south of buoy 42 was far and away the best producing fluke spot on the weekend. Killies with or without a strip of squid, spearing and squid combos and artificials all accounted for good flatfish action. On Saturday, Matt and John Viol returned with 40 fluke to 4 pounds. On Sunday, Peter Biella and Kenny Bedrossian clicked with 19 fluke. Same day, Eli and Bea Pepper had 14 fluke. Last of the incoming and the first of the outgoing has been the biggest factor in the fluke action which Jim described as the most consistent in several weeks. Still good flounder fishing between buoys 34 and 39 and crabbing remains solid with the best scores being made on the flats by boatmen using bunker or killies in conjunction with rings or lines.

Over at **L & M Marine**, Jim Greene reported a couple of good weekday scores. Al Dennis and Harry Obser checked in with 11 fluke to 5½ pounds

Bob Wallace displays the 95 lb. white marlin he decked aboard Captain Bob Rocchetta's Montauk charter boat "Rainbow."

taken at the West Cut on incoming water. Ten of the fish were in the 2-3 pound range while the 5½ pounder currently leads the Marina fluke contest. On Thursday, Marty Rubenstein found 18 fluke to 4 pounds south of buoy 41 on killie and squid combos. He too fished the flood. On Saturday the private boat Cousins Two returned with 21 fluke up to 3½ pounds. They fished north of buoy 41.

Capt. Tony Rizzo who skippers the **Moriches** charter boat **Tender Loving Care** gave Al Ecke and friends a day to remember on Thursday. They returned from offshore of Moriches with 8 yellowfin tuna in the 45-80 pound class, 8 true albacore from 35-45 pounds and boated and released an estimated 70 pound white marlin. An inshore charter on Saturday produced 3 school bass which were trolled on umbrellas east of the inlet and some fluke for John Shore and family.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

George Ruland of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** spoke of excellent crabbing and snapper fishing at local docks with and occasional snapper blue finding its way into the buckets. A few fluke are being taken in the East Bay opposite Bayport as are a few small weaks. Cocktail blues still in good supply at the inlet though not like it was. Bigger blues in the 8-14 pound class were hit and miss on the Patchogue Grounds this past week, with some fish in the 5-8 pound range also taken due south of the inlet. Offshore action for tuna and especially marlin has been hot SE of F.I. Inlet in 100-140' of water. On the freshwater side, Patchogue's Mill Pond produced another trophy largemouth. The latest was a 5¾ pounder taken on Thursday by Howie Fay on a popping plug.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale spoke of

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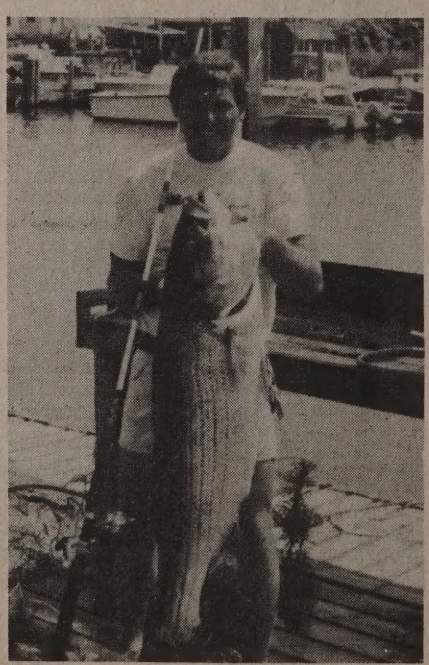

Lanny Molnar of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays whipped this 53 lb. cow on 16 lb. test while drifting a live eel in Shinnecock Inlet.

snappers all over the place but crabbing on the slow side this past week. Small blues continue to roam the bay and inlet in lesser numbers with some bigger blues outside the inlet at the Bell buoy. These fish can be jigged or trolled. A few fluke being taken near the lighthouse but overall the fluking rates no better than fair. A few boatmen continue to pick at the flounder at the Sore Thumb pocket though most of the fish have been on the small side. The big news, of course, is all of the white marlin located SE of the Inlet anywhere from 70-110' of water. Many, many fish are being baited but comparitively few are being landed. Dave had reports of some boatmen spotting marlin as close as 3-4 miles from the beach.

Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** said that the inshore picture was relatively quiet with the exception of snappers which have been keeping youngsters busy on the local docks. Also a decent showing of blue claw crabs for those using traps. The big news however, is offshore where loads of white marlin are prowling between 100-140' of water. Some pretty good action also reported this weekend from the Canyon where Bob Gross aboard the Carol Marie put away a 270 pound bigeye which as of late Sunday was the leader in the Squadron Anglers overnight Hudson Canyon tourney. Jim Cavanagh of the Four Jays put Roy Wilson and Roy, Jr. onto a 200 pound mako and a 150 pound dusky SE of Fire Island on Sunday.

From **Smokey's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller reported small blues from the bridge to the inlet on 007 an V8 jigs. Fluke spread from Kismet to the Inlet with sandeels producing the best scores. Outside the inlet, 3-5 pound blues are camped at the Bell Buoy while the Patchogue Grounds fizzled during much of the week though there was some hot action reported again on the latter part of the weekend. Here again, the big news concerned all of the white marlin settled in between 90 and 140' of water SE of the Inlet. Carl said that there are more marlin in the area this season than there have been in years. His son, 10 year old Rich Miller, took his first white on Thursday. He whipped the billfish on 30 pound class tackle and a jigmaster reel aboard the Bay Shore Tuna Club boat Patricia. A pair of yellowfins in the 50 pound range were taken on similar tackle the same day. Action was in 95' of water south of the inlet on Dor Knobs and a rigged eel with a knob skirt did in the marlin. Peter Martin who trailers his outboard scored with marlin and yellowfin tuna on three separate trips last week working the 100-110' depths SE of Fire Island with Dor Knobs. Carl knew that Sunday was hot again with the billfish and said that at least one boat landed three of the fish on Saturday.

Over at **Captree Boat Basin** the skippers had to scramble for the first

time this summer for their bluefishing but as of Sunday night it looked as if the fish were settling back down at the Patchogue Grounds. During the week fishing was erratic ranging from picky to a slaughter with Patchogue, Ambrose, Three Sisters and the Ocean just south of Debs Inlet all being explored.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy VI** said that he found good fishing on a few occasions tight to the beach for blues in the 3-8 pound class. Some of the private boat fleet did well at Patchogue again on Sunday and Sunday night saw the open boat fleet return from there with plenty of 8-12 pound blues. The skipper noted too, that the **Speedy VII** put together a good catch of blues and weaks on its evening trip for the first time in several nights.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** repeated Speedy's report of erratic bluefishing though he was quick to add that most trips saw fair to good action with fish in the 5-7 pound range. Fluking has ranged from slow to fair with most of the fish being taken pushing the 2 or 3 pound mark. Fishing is being done from the bridge west to the inlet. Saturday's tally amounted to 150 flatties.

Aboard the **Captain Scotty 3**, Capt. George Tweedy reported a few excellent nights with the blues this week, including some 600 to 800 fish scores. Days have been tougher this past week with jigs accounting for an average of 150 blues per trip. A pocket of very warm water has replaced the blues on the Patchogue Grounds with tuna, marlin, whales and dolphin. Everyone's confident that this condition will change shortly and that the blues will get back on the heavy supply of late in this area.

Capt. Bill Russo of the charter boatr **Prime Time** said that Saturday's

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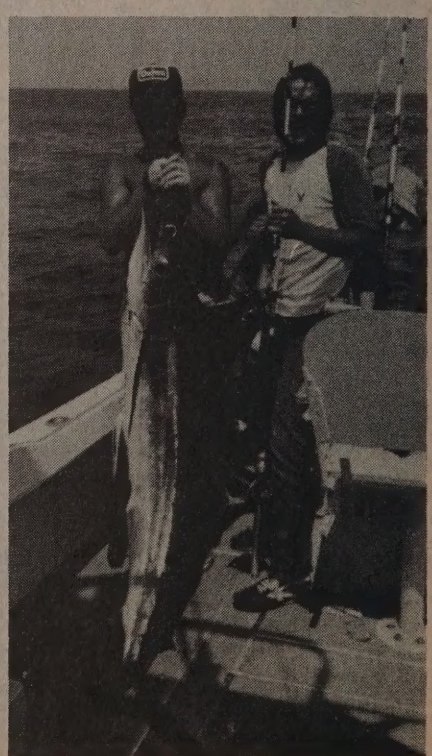
fluking was a considerable improvement of last week's action. Larry Gordon and friends got in a good inning with the fish on the last of the flood at the Babylon Cut and again at the inlet on the bottom turn of the tide. On Sunday a party headed by Jan Weinberg put away a fair catch of blues west of the Three Sisters Wreck. Averaging 6-7 pounds with a 9 pound pool winner taken by Pete Knowles, diamond jigs accounted fo these fish.

Capt. John Cuzzo of the charter boat **Afterglo** trolled 30 blues for a day charter on Wednesday. Wednesday night's fishing was another story however with poor fishing encountered. An offshore charter on Sunday resulted in plenty of action and lots of life but no fish boated. Fishing between 90 and 120' of water, the party had a pair of big hammerheads in the chum slick, missed a couple of encounters with tuna and raised but did not hook a white marlin.

Q uiet week on the inshore scene reported Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. Boats pick away at the fluke with some nice sized fish being taken and blues are at the inlet on 007's but nowhere near as thick as they were a couple of weaks back. A few big weakfish taken on live snappers at the Sore Thumb and excellent snapper fishing at the Town Dock. Crabbing has been decent according to Fred. Here again, the big news was reserved for the offshore scene, and more specifically, the prodigious numbers of white marlin settled into the 90-110' depths SE of the inlet. Fred fished this area on Saturday and described the scene as



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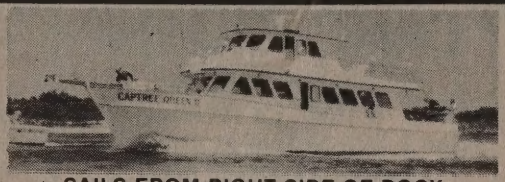

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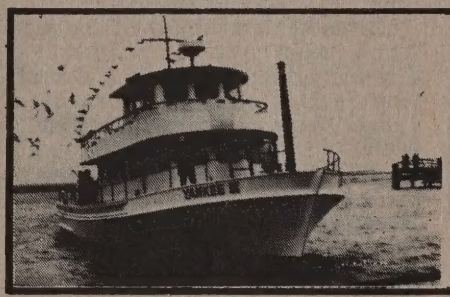

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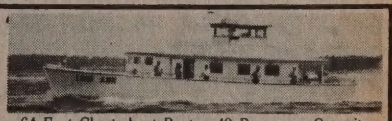

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a picket fence of marlin fins and tails. At one point, the tackle man reported having 5 fish up in the baits at the same time. Yellowfin tuna are in 160' of water and some bigeyes were taken at the canyon in recent days. Private boat Free Leaper clicked with 2 marlin on Thursday.

Capt. Jack Stoddard of the **Babylon** open boat **Luci III** thought that fluking improved this week near the Captree Pier and the Babylon Cut in the State Channel. Killie/squid combos worked best. Pool winner on Saturday's trip was Frank Fogerty with a 4 pounder. Mike Morocco had Sunday's pool winner. The charter boat **Luci II** reported plenty of small blues at and just outside the inlet and plenty of marlin in 100' of water SE of Fire Island.

Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** put 4 employees of Citibank into a good catch of bluefish on Saturday. They used jigs and umbrellas and fished 8 miles SW of Jones Inlet. Included in the crew Saleen Maquadem, Bill Tsigakos Walt Zydel and Greg Rogers.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani spoke of fair fluking between the bridge and the inlet and also along the inside edge of the Oak Beach bar. Small blues are scattered from the lighthouse to the inlet where they are being taken on 007's and V8's. Some bigger blues being found at the Bell buoy by trollers and jiggers. Sand porgies with a few small sea bass being taken near buoy 13, Ocean Beach on sandworms and clam belly chum. Rigged eels fitted with a knob skirt and large green and yellow devil feathers managing to take a few of the many white marlin cavorting SE of Fire Island in 75-130' of water. Everyone reports seeing loads of the billfish but they have been tough to catch.

Z Crab Bait and Tackle of **Copiague** Ralph Angelillo at the helm told of excellent snapper fishing and crabbing being reported by youngsters at Tanner Park. Al Smith of the Squaw Island Fishing Club umbrellaed a couple of school bass and a few weaks in the inlet on Friday. On Saturday, Al Spehr used jelly worms to take 6 weaks and a small bass inside the Sore Thumb Pocket. Most of the excitement this week was created by the large numbers of white marlin situated in 80-120' of water SE of F.I. Inlet. One of the bigger marlin to come out of the area was the 85 pounder taken on Saturday taken by John Fravola aboard the Happy Time. It was taken in 110' of water. A trip to the canyon by the Hot Potato resulted in a couple of bigeyes and 70 pound white marlin for John Namoli of Amityville.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

For consistent action, bluefish win the medal here. Day and night trips are as close to a sure thing that you'll find right now. Fluking has slowed, though some good hits are made and the fish are mostly keepers now. Snappers and bccs are keeping youngsters happy and a few weakfish are being taken at the bridges.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** in **Seaford** we learn that Don Geracia on Saturday had 30 keeper fluke working the east side of the second Wantagh bridge along with buoy 8 at Squaw Island. Lots of bccs at Amityville Cut at Sand Island. Also a lot of snappers all over the bay. The rental boats are averaging 8 to 14 fluke a boat workinjg Squaw and Massapequa Cove and Great Island channel around buoys 8 and 14.

We learn from **Pops Fishing Station** that fluke was off most of the week but picked up again Friday through Sunday. On Saturday, Bill and Rich Strobel had 9 keeper fluke to 3½ lbs. fishing the east side of the third Wantagh and also buoys 13 and 14 at Four Corners. Sunday saw Ted Wrona and Bill Leckie with 10 keepers between them to 4½ lbs. on killie-squid combos. Larger fluke were taken between the 2nd and 3rd bridges on the west side. Bccs have been very good in traps and on rings. Jack Puchalski and wife filled 2 bushels with blue claw crabs Saturday

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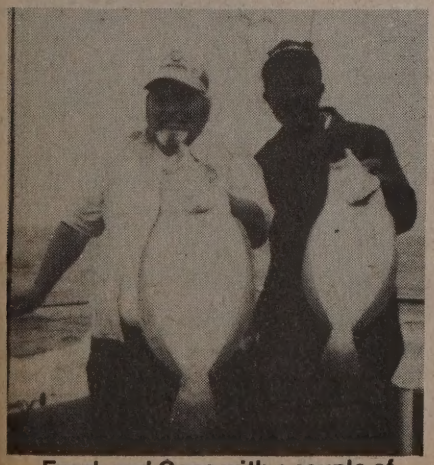
The **Seaford** charter boat **3 Sea-sons** advised that a whole new batch of fish have moved into the area. Wednesday's trip for Bob Farley and party of Conn. had one bft and 2 yft's and a 69 lb. white marlin, all on the new Striker Tri-Eye. Thursday's charter for Joe Deleonardis in rough seas saw a 67 lb. white marlin hooked and landed. Another was dropped. Friday's trip for Don Mather, NJ saw 3 yft's taken to 87 lbs., 12 skippies and a 77 lb. white marlin. On Saturday a trip for Bob Macoitti, Queens had 1 bft and 1 yft both in the 70 lb. range. The skipper advised he still has some choice dates available.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle told of some good fluking during the week along the Massapequa shoreline, Ft. Neck Point, Massapequa Cove and the Measured Mile in the state channel. Snappers are being taken on spearing and killies and crabs are in all the canals and on the Massapequa flats. Weakfish can be had on a dropping tide at the 3rd Wantangh and big Meadowbrook on sand worms or snapper fished on the bottom. Top of the ebb is best. Blues are being taken on diamond jigs, umbrellas and bait at Cholera, 3 Sisters and Patchogue on bait, while some flounder continue to be caught in the deeper holes in the bay.

Best word from Scott at **Merrick Tackle in Belmore** is of dusk through dawn weakfishing at the 3rd Wantagh and Meadowbrook, fishing sand worms on the bottom.

From **Nick's Fishing Station in Merrick** we learn of a 24 lb. striper taken by Buddy Holmes in Haunts Creek on a live bunker Sunday AM, along with two other smaller bass. Nicks Point Tuna Club member Bob Shulman and crew on his boat Tranquilizer fishing at the south end of the compass rose hoisted 2 yft's of 51 and 70 lbs. and two bfts of 25 and 30 lbs. Ed Bing on his boat Bingo had 2 yft of 42 and 46 lbs. at the HA. All of the above fish were taken on red and



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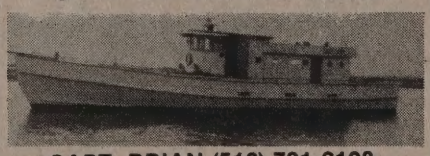
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Swinging over to the boat out of **Freeport**, we hear from Capt. Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** that Monday's trip for the John Hammer Group had a good day's diamond jigging on blues at the Sisters. Wednesday's trip for George Bergold group scored with a 58 lb. yft and 2 small bfts and some skippies working Sw of the HA, all on plastic. Friday's trip for Joe Stasiak group had a pick on fluke locally while Saturday's trip for Olympic Plumbing did nicely diamond jigging blues around the BA. On Sunday a trip for the Long Beach Auxiliary Police also jigged the blues working fromk Debs to Ambrose.

Aboard the charter boat **Nan Sea** sunday the trip for Nunzio Lombardi and crew from Inwood Corner Deli hoisted 2 yfts in the 50 lb. class working 180 feet of water SE of Jones.

Aboard the **Bluefin Fleet** this week very solid catches of blues were made to 12 lbs. High hooks were in the mid to upper 30s. Klaus Joerg, S.I., was high hook with 36 blues including a 10½ pounder. Sal Lanrieri of SI had 37 fish. Steinar Rydju of Huntington had 37. Skip Margot and Rich Gormley caught in the mid-30s. Pete Borzuko of Hanover Bank had an 11½ lb. blue; Rich Bartlett, a 13 pounder. Paul Podstupka, Williston Park, had 15 blues. Mike Carbone had an 11 lber while Herb Abby beat him with a 12 lber. The night trips are excellent on bait and the days as good on jigs. Action has been anywhere from 4-11 miles off the beach SW of Jones.

Skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of fair to good fluke catches all week with high hooks in the teens on a full day boat with pool fish averaging 4-5 lbs. The half day boat has been doing well on fluke on the AM tides, high hooks going 8-9 lbs. and pools 3½ to 4½ lbs. The flounder trip Wednesday PM saw very solid catches in local waters, high hook being 29 flatties up to 2½ lbs.

From the charter boat **Apus II** we hear of consistent super bluefish catches with some 10-12 lb. weaks mixed in. Tri-Fin diamonds with green tails have been hot. Offshore there's been plenty of marlin and bft's in the 10-40 lb. range. Saturdays charter at Hudson Canyon for Dave Lawrence and group saw many true albacore 40 lbs. along with 2 yft's to 90 lbs. Green and white Striker Softies accounted for most of these fish.

The **Starstream II** has been loading up on bluefish anywhere from 2-12 lbs., jigging days, baiting and chumming at night anywhere from the NB/BA buoy 4. The skipper says there are loads of fish there, waiting to be caught.

From the **Capt Al** the bluefish picture is solid on day and night trips with fish hitting jigs days, bait and

chum at night, mixed sizes up to 13 lbs.

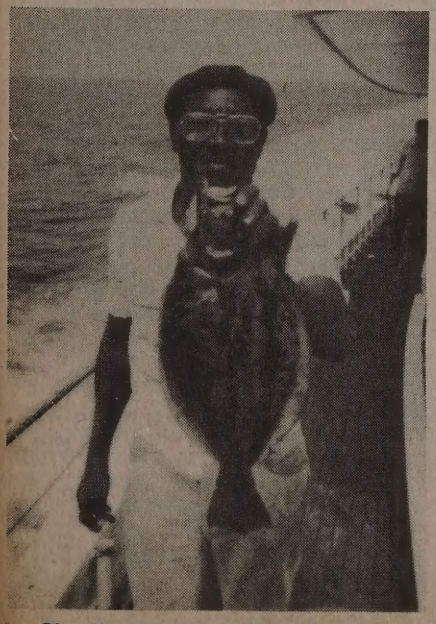
The **Freeport Boatmens Association** reports their charter boats had no problem with the blues, marlin anda tuna right through Sunday. They found fluking slow to fair, but fish large. More marlin are being boated now. YFTs, LFts, and bigeyes plus small bfts are filling the fish boxes. Boats are working the canyon or the area 6 to 9 miles south of the HA and also in the NOAH area. Aboard the **North Star,** Gerry Gozzi and group from JPC Brokers had excellent blues working to the SW while on Sunday the group from Camel Head Social Club, Queens also had super blues. The **Superspray II** has been picking away at the blues and the night trips for blues have been dynamite on bait.

From **Anthony's Fishing Station** we learn regulars are bringing back fluke from Merrick and Fundy Bays. Tony advises trying a slow troll against the tide. Some small blues and fluke being taken in the inlet. Lots of snappers around. Private boats are jigging and chumming blues at Cholera and Three Sisters.

From the charter boat **Capt. Gary** we hear of Sat. trip for the John Hannin group picking fluke in local creeks and the inlet, with Sue Lindou high hook with 6 keepers. Sunday's trip for Stan Weiss group had fair fluking in the inlet and Reynolds with Judy Weiss taking the pool with a 3 lber. High hook was 8 fish.

Aboard the charter boat **Suzanne** we hear of Wednesday's trip to the Texas Tower which resulted in a 70 lb. yft. Sunday's trip for Kevin Bartolino saw 6 duskies tagged and released at the Mud Hole. Saturday's trip for Howie Katz saw a blue shark taken and a football tuna. Green machines did the damage to the offshore fish.

From the **Miss Freeport II** we learn of the slaughter bluefishing all week



Charlie Wilson decked this fine 5½ lb. fluke aboard the City Island open boat "apache."

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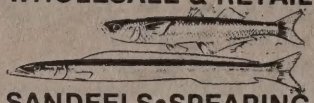

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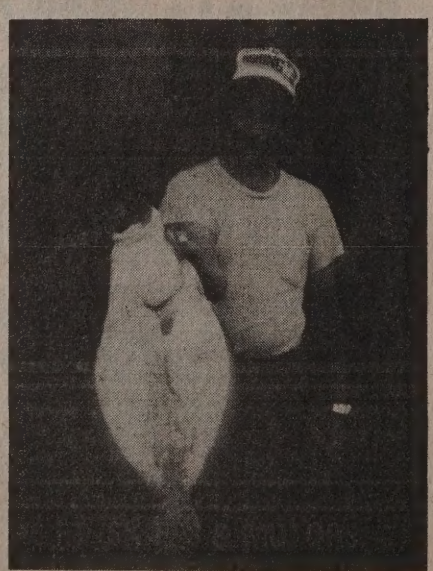

Gerard Carlo shows the 10.8 lb. fluke he landed along the south side of Montauk. The big doormat was weighed at Gone Fishing Marina.

long. Saturday night's pool went to Ed Nunes with a 17 lber. Ed and his wife Grace hauled 4 burlap bags full of blues off the boat that day. Big catches of the week were 38 blues for Barbara Kehoe, 29 blues for John Mangual, and 42 for Mike Petrosillo.

From **Lou's Fishing Station** at the foot of Woodcleft Canal comes word of the 338 lb. blue marlin taken on Freeport Tuna club member Alan Radi's boat Yago in 90 feet of water SE of Jones Inlet while returning from offshore trolling. Alan put over a whole squid and BOOM. He saw two other blue marlin as well. Aboard the Sea Quest on the weekend, fishing the canyon Green machines accounted for 3 big eye tuna to 150 lbs. and 4 albies to 50 lbs. Jim Johnson and Pete Comstas took a 120 lb. hammerhead shark. Lots of white marlin are still swarming in the HA area.

In nearby **Pt Lookout** we hear from the charter boat **Marie III** of Wednesday's trip for East Meadow Rec Center with excellent flounder catches in the PM at Short Beach, buoy 14 and Long Creek. Fish averaged 1-2 lbs. with some larger, all on clam, flood tide best. Friday's SW of the NB saw a very solid catch of blues 3-5 lbs. made, fish high in the water taken on jigs. Saturday's group fished Seabright and had a fair pick on 2-3 lb. blues. Sunday's action was between buoy 4, Riis Park and saw excellent catches of 5-8 lbers, averaging 15-25 blues a man. The skipper said due to a sudden cancellation he has this Sunday open and available.

On the **Miss Point Lookout** this week, Wednesday's PM trip was fair with approx. 80 fluke taken at the West Bar. Bill Goldsmith had the 4 lb. pool winner. Thursday's PM trip saw Bill, a regular, with a 5 lb. fluke. Saturday's PM trip had Ed Krupar with a 3½ lb. fluke. Sunday's AM trip saw Evelyn Katz take the pool with a 4 lb. fluke while on the PM trip, Florence Greebler took the pool with 2¾ lber. No big numbers, but good sizes. Loads of sea robins, which, incidentally provide very good eating. Thursday nights bluefishing saw Patty Cullen with 15 blues including a 12 lb. pool fish. Four friends from Blackthorn Construction Co. totaled 44 blues. Fares are averaging 10-30 blues a night and it''s been either very good right thru a slaughter every night. Friday's PM trip had Jim and Grace with 7 fluke including a 4 lber. Eleven fluke was the score for Sandy and Mr. V.

fromk **Scotty's Fishing Station** we learn of Dan O'Higgin and Paul Vencti in a skiff hoisting 45 flounder up to 2½lbs fishing the Meadowbrook area on Sat. Hotspot for fluke for the week was the juncture of Seadog and Reynolds with fish to 4 lbs. brought in. Blues being taken on private boats trolling from the inlet to Long Beach in 35' of water. Weaks in 60 feet of water being taken on diamond jigs. Plenty of blues from 30' on out.

Friday and Saturday nights bluefish jigging aboard the **Capt. Bill** was very

productive this week working the area of Cholera and Three Sisters. with fish 3-7 lbs.

From **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** Charlie advises that in 35' of water off Riis and the Rockaways a few good size fluke were drifted up ont he weekend. Boats averaged 101-14 keepers on sand eels, spearing. However, things were slow on fluke in the bay. Snappers have increased in numbers and a little bit bigger this week. Also lots of bccs in the Island Park, Oceanside and E Rockaway Creeks. Under the AB bridge or at the Tin Can at night there have been some decent striper catches on bellies with a few weaks mixed in. Flounder from 1/2 to 1 lb. continue to be cuaght in the area of the Jones Beach Piers.

The word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of sporadic fluking this week with the best being at buoy 1 and 7, Reynolds Channel. Sharpies are faring decently on 3-6 lb. fluke in the deep holes of Reynolds Channel. Plenty of small blues and some weaks under the bunker schools in Reynolds. Charlies Goldberg had weaks and bass off the Playland on the weekend. He diamond jigged two 2 lber. and 2 12 lb. blue in 70' of water. Small blues and schoolie bass on small umbrellas at the ABB. A few blackfish at the Abb and gong bouy. Snappers and bccs in very good numbers in all the back creeks.

Out of **Atlantic Beach,** Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** ' 'reports he had very good weakfishing Saturday from buoy 4 to the NB on umbrellas. The Breezy Pt area is also having some good weakfishing this week. Fish averaging 10 lbs and theer are also 6-10 lb. blues being trolled or diamond jigged. The Kim has been returning to the dock prior to the noon with anglers arm wearied. Also some 15-20 bass at BreezyPt Sat. AM

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** said the blackfishing is sparse at the AB Bridge, Silver Pt. Jetty and Bannister Creek but still worth a shot. Fluking was poor from the AB bridge to the CG with squid and killies catching whatever fish would bite. Blues all over the place from the inlet trolling to buoy 4 fish 1-5 lbs. on umbrellas. Out to one mile south of buoy 4, weaks have been trolled to 12 lbs. Jesse York on the Four Queens had 476 lb. big eye tuna. Four big eyes were taken on the boat on this trip from 400-476 lbs. along with 6 longfin albacore to 45 lbs. A sword and a white marlin were dropped.

Out of **Island Park** aboard the Regina MTom Mikeloski had a 90 lb. dusky. This was 5 miles south of the BA. There were 15-20 hammerhead shark around the boat most of the day.

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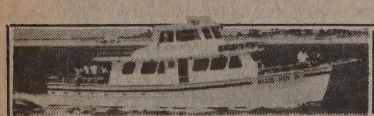

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In **Jamaica Bay, J-Bay Boat Rentals** reported lots of 3-4 lb. blues being taken on tin along with a few small weaks. A lot of keeper fluke are falling to killie squid combos at Silver Hole. Good action on small porgies to the tune of half a pail a boat on worms and good snapper and bcc catches off JFK. A few small bass being trolled along the grassy shores of Kennedy Airport on worms.

According to Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** Daytime off the bridges, hand sized porgies are being caught along with some fluke and cocktail blues. At night off the bridges a few weaks and school bass are hitting bunker chunks. Some bigger blues coming by at night also. Very small snappers in the area and bccs are picking up.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay** from **Mike's Tackle Shop** we learn the bluefish fleet has been doing very well both night and day at either the Can or 17 Fathoms. The night trips are all 17 Fathoms. The **Pilot II** has been having very good porgy and blackfish catches Thursday through Sunday. Lots of snappers in the bay off the piers. Weaks a good item in Jamaica Bay on bunker chunks and jumbo blues are hitting bunker chunks fished on the bottom at Norton's Point. Fluke picking up again at Sandy Hook. Lots of bccs off the piers.

From the open boat **Pastime II** we hear of fair fluke catches. Thursday's PM trip saw 11 fluke as high hook by a regular, Zack, of Sheepshead Bay. Ambrose Channel and the Coney Island flats are the spots being worked with spearing and big smelts. The PM blues, bass and weaks should come alive as we move into late August.

Aboard the **Flamingo III** customers have been having excellent blue-fishing all week working the Triangle from BA to Ambrose to buoy 4, fish running 2-15 lbs., averaging 4-8 lbs. Lots of blues, said skipper Bob Weigand. On one trip they also had a striper and a few big blues. Fish have been filling up on anchovies, butters and squid. Saturday night's bluefishing was fantastic on fish 4-10 lbs.

Captain Kevin of the **Dorothy B VII** told of a good Saturday's fluking with 18 taking high hook honors. Sunday's high hook was 14 keepers. The boat is working the Tin Can and Sandy Hook areas on fresh spearing.

We hear from the **Zephyr** working Sandy Hook Bay/Old Orchard that some days it's a pick and some days it's good on the fluke, with some blues mixed in for good measure. Fish running 1-4 lbs. on sand eels and

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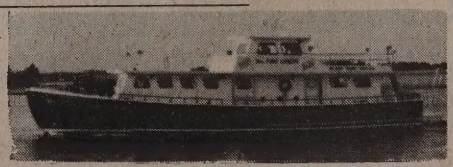

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Aboard the charter boat **Thermocline** Wednesday's canyon trip for John Fazio, Howard Beach, took a 250 lb. bigeye tuna on a rigged eel with green skirt. They also dropped a white marlin. Lots of marlin were seen from the Mud Hole on out. On a weekender to the canyon, a 200 lb. bigeye tuna was the reward for Joe Fanora. This fish also took a rigged eel with a green skirt.

North Shore REPORT

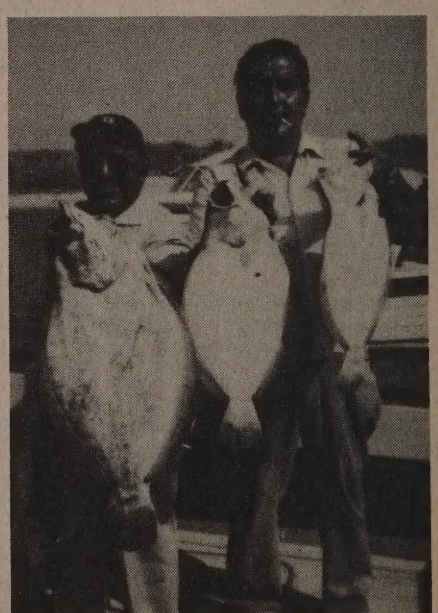
with Marty Carrell

Summer bluefish action was the best bet in all areas last week with good fluking out to the east and a general smattering of porgies. Traffic conditions keep the blues on the move, however, and weekend action can be spotty.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun spoke of big slammer blues on top every morining last week off **Hen n' Chickens** near New Rochelle. There were porgies near the lighthouse and fluke fans were heading for Bayville.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** liked the



Tony Coperfido shows the 20.4 lb. monster doormat he took at "The Ruins" off Gardiner's Island. Also shown is Harold Wotosiewicz with a couple of the 30 fluke taken that day. Tony weighed the huge flatfish at Port of Egypt Fishing Station in Southold.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:45	11:00	11:25	11:45	11:25	11:45	—	12:10	1:45	2:20	1:35	2:05	10:30	10:55	8/11
FRI.	11:35	11:55	—	12:20	—	12:20	12:30	1:05	2:45	3:15	2:25	2:55	11:25	11:45	8/12
SAT.	—	12:30	12:40	1:15	12:40	1:15	1:30	2:00	3:45	4:15	3:20	3:50	—	12:15	8/13
SUN.	12:45	1:25	1:35	2:10	1:30	2:05	2:30	3:00	4:50	5:20	4:20	4:45	12:40	1:10	8/14
MON.	1:40	2:15	2:35	3:15	2:25	3:00	3:30	4:05	6:00	6:30	5:20	5:45	1:35	2:10	8/15
TUES.	2:35	3:10	3:35	4:15	3:20	3:55	4:35	5:05	7:05	7:35	6:20	6:45	2:35	3:10	8/16
WED.	3:30	4:05	4:40	5:15	4:20	4:55	5:45	6:05	8:05	8:35	7:25	7:45	3:35	4:05	8/17
THURS.	4:35	5:05	5:40	6:10	5:20	5:50	6:45	7:00	9:05	9:30	8:25	8:40	4:35	5:00	8/18

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 49
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/11	6:03	8:06
FRI. 8/12	6:04	8:05
SAT. 8/13	6:05	8:03
SUN. 8/14	6:06	8:02
MON. 8/15	6:07	8:01
TUE. 8/16	6:08	8:00
WED. 8/17	6:09	7:58

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/11	9:17AM	10:10PM
FRI. 8/12	10:29AM	10:38PM
SAT. 8/13	11:40AM	11:06PM
SUN. 8/14	12:48PM	11:35PM
MON. 8/15	1:54PM	—
TUE. 8/16	2:58PM	12:07AM
WED. 8/17	3:59PM	12:43AM

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8/8	8/15	8/23	8/2

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	9:05	**2:55**	9:35	**3:20**
Sat.	10:00	**3:50**	10:30	**4:10**
Sun.	10:50	**4:40**	11:20	**5:05**
Mon.	11:45	**5:35**	—	**6:00**
Tues.	12:15	**6:20**	12:30	**6:45**
Wed.	12:55	**7:05**	1:15	**7:30**
Thurs.	1:45	**7:50**	2:00	**8:15**

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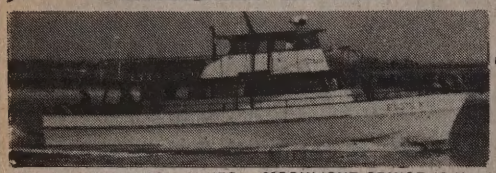

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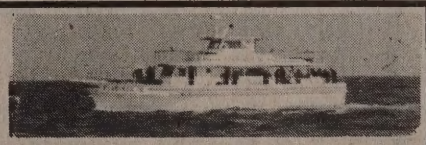

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Blues were everywhere off Glen Cove, remarked Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**. Livelining snappers near the creek mouths from Bayville to Hempstead Harbor was a good bet for fish averaging 4 pounds. Some big fish in teen sizes were under the bunker schools in Hempstead Harbor. Shore casters had a few early morining bass on poppers.

The **Klondike** from **New Rochelle** had a good week until Sunday witha lot of 2-3 pound blues. Some of the biggest fish during the late part of the week did run 8-10 pounds, however.

Among the City Island boats, the **Apache** was enjoying a nice pick of 15-20 porgies per fare between Matinecock and Smithtown Bay in water depths ranging from 20' to 40' whenever the traffic thinned out. About 4-6 small weakfish per day plus a few fluke were also in the catch. The **North Star** was off Bayville and Smithtown for blackfish and porgies, and Joe Ferrara was running the **Ebb Tide** anywhere from Rye and The Norwalk Islands to Port Jeff for blues. Ava 27's without teasers or tubes were the hot number, and a few of the Port Jeff fish ran 8-9 pounds.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** liked the big blues off Lloyds that were trolled on wire. There were a few off Eatons and fluke off Makamah and Crab Meadow. Some of the flounder off Eatons were lovely, yellow rimmed 1½ pound blackbacks and they were mixed with the porgies south of buoy 13.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** mentioned 6 blues to 9 pounds that he

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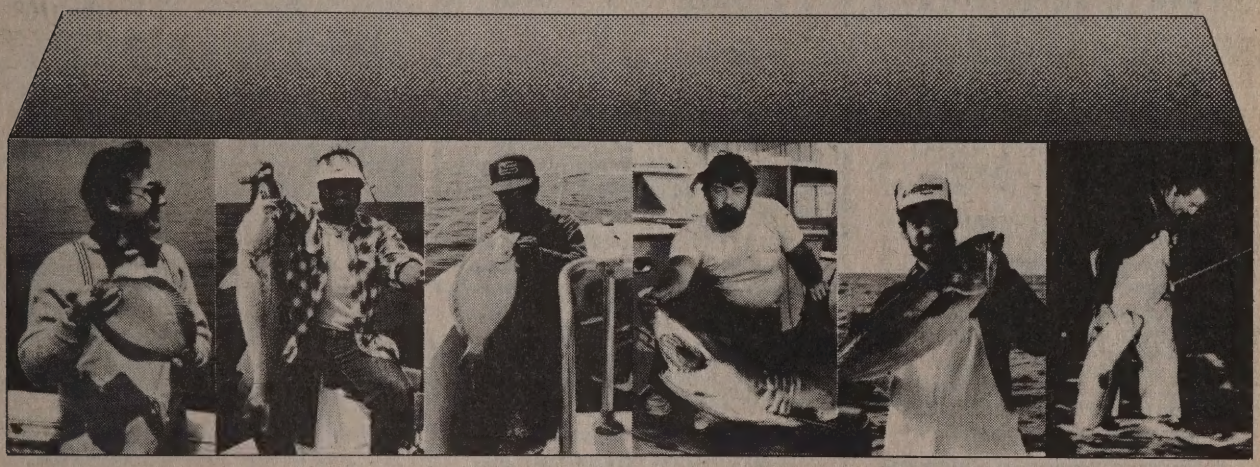

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and brother Jerry took on ¾ ounce Tri-Fin Eelworms, and said that blues were under the bunker schools in Huntington Harbor for those who used chunks or jigged big Hopkins.

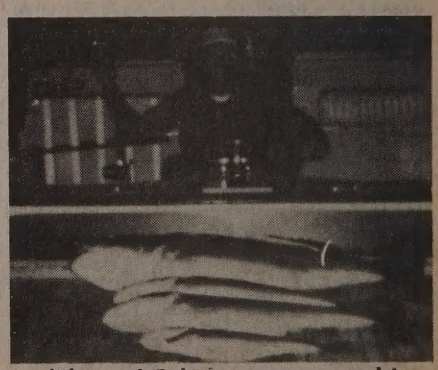
Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** spoke of 3 pound blues off the town dock, in Northport Bay, and off Eatons. He suggests using bunker inshore, but liked red-yellow Atoms around Fort Salonga for slammers in the 10-12 pound class.

The **Caraftis Station** in **Port Jefferson** described excellent bluefish action of the Pink House and inside the buoy near the shore. A few fish run 8 pounds but most are 1½-4 pounds. Porgy action is very good off Oldfield, Crane's and Flack's Pond with some 1 pound fish mixed in. Fluke can be found in Flack's off the Pink House, and in Setauket Harbor and Conscience Bay.

Ralph's Fishing Station described an outstanding catch of bluefish by John Hughes, his brother and one guest. They could have sunk a boat in 5 hours of fishing on Friday. The Mount Sinai Station was hopping with porgy, fluke and bluefish fans on Sunday, a veritable zoo.

From the **Angler's Den** in **Selden** came word that there were still a few weaks taken locally as well as fluke off Rocky Point. An offshore group of Lady Reelers, including Dian Camerlingo, Carole Jasper and Marie Raycroft scored in 176 feet of water off Moriches on a mixed bag of tuna, bonito and shark. Diane Camerlingo had a 48 pound yellowfin. Skipper was Frank Camerlingo, mate Marty Kessler.

Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** called to say that the problem with the blues was where to find them on a daily basis. Greenwich, Eaton's and Norwalk were all possibilities. Most of the fish were 1-3 pounds, but Saturday and Sunday saw some fish to 10 pounds, and the best of the week were 12. Night trips are phenomenal and anybody with any manual dexterity at all can pull 12-18 fish on jigs. All the small boat charters have blues, too. Collins advises that he is on a 7 day schedule now, generally, and that customers should check the ad for details.



John and Bob Acompora caught these four stripers up to 41 lbs. back in July near Mamaroneck in Western Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

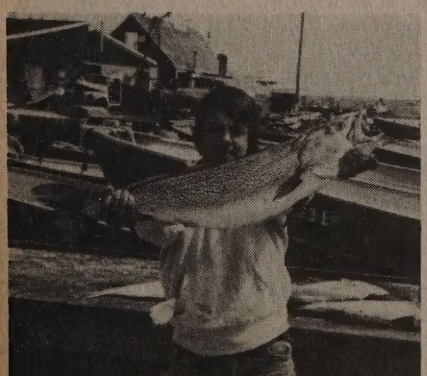
NORTH FORK

Sylvester Fabian and Tom Jenkins showed a catch of more than 50 summer weakfish at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue**. Fish were ranged in size to over 3 pounds and sandworms were the ticket off the Shinnecock Canal. Porgy anglers on the Sound were advised to try the mediums off the Horton's rips with clam chum. There were still blackfish for sharpies fishing hermit crabs off the Northville Pipeline area. Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** detailed the picture around Mattituck Inlet. Off the Firing Range blues had scattered the porgies, but Cooper's Rock still had a lot of hand sized scup with an occasional jumbo to 3 pounds mixed in. Some of the porgy catches have as many as half dozen 3 pound plus weakfish mixed in. Fluking has tapered off severly.

There were nice weakfish and porgies off Roses and the Cow Neck Sand Slide, according to Sal Loris at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk**. It's best to drift until you hit fish then anchor and chum. Ace Cottral reported some porgies off Buoys 17-18 and east of Jessups to buoy 16. School weaks were in Noyac Bay and school blues could be found off Orient Harbor. On the Sound, blackfish were getting respectable off the Light and flounder were in the usual spots. There were porgies off Petty's in sizes around 1 pound.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** reported blues and weaks in the race for those who hauled 'em up on 8 ounce slab jigs. Porgy fishing was described as "Damn good" off Gardiner's.

Although the fluke run in the sound has been crushed by dragging activity and the body of summer flatfish between Ben's Point and Orient has also been picked off by the commercials, a few fish still remain in local rocky rips which cannont be dragged. Gardiner's remains the center of most fluking activity for the **Blue Albatross** and the best fish of the week for John Rainis went 9½



Steve Malgieri holds the 12½ lb. weak he landed while fishing Peconic Bay in skiff rented from Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk.

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pounds. Joe Garra took that doormat on Saturday. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** has seen fish to 8 pounds.

George Porter enjoyed two fantastic days on porgies with the **Brand X** on Thursday and Friday in shallow water. The weekend had fewer fish but there were 2-3 pound jumbos mixed in on the pick. Porter guesses that the porgies moving down from Rhode Island into the New London area should be ready for fishing in 6-7 days.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The Long Island surf picture changed little this week and again, angling effort was down to a minimum in most areas. Bass action was almost nil, weaks remained tough to come by and most of the bluefish action concerns fish of only two to three pounds, with a few minor exceptions. Casters at West End Jones Beach had some on and off action with small blues on evening tides last week. Some big slammers were around Friday night when a few teen size blues were reported taken during the evening and also after dark from the jetty.

Reports from Robert Moses and Democrat Pt. indicate that a few school bass were picked during the course of the week on tin and dropper combos during the evening and after dark. This was on the open beach. Also a couple of fish said to be taken on the backside with RedFin/Rebel and dropper combos. All in all, the picture in this area was pretty dismal.

The Moriches area was generally quiet with the exception of small blues and an occasional surprise. Gary Hall of Selden was probably the happiest surfman on the Island this past week after his bucktail and pork rind combo found him a 42½ lb. cow near the Inlet. The big striper was weighed at Ken Freeman's **Angler's Den** in **Selden.** It was taken in the wee hours of Monday morning.

Henry Shonefeld, who two week ago had to take a back seat to his 8-year-old son Eric when the youngste beached a 9 lb. weak during his first introduction to the surf, better than evened the score this weekend. Working with tin on the open beach west of Moriches Inlet, dad came through with weaks of 7.6 and 10 pounds.

The east side of Shinnecock Inlet continues to play host to blues in the 2-4 lb. class. Patrick, Liam, Conan and Devin McLaughlin used tins to take 9 blues and a school bass one day late last week. Bluefish action has been pretty steady at the Inlet

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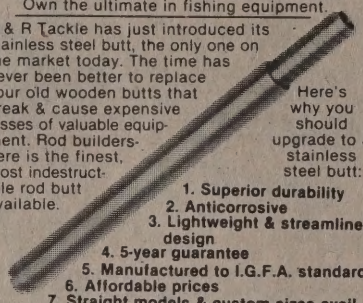

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Out in **Montauk**, a pretty good heave combined with a new moon tide kept the wet suit crowd from their perches, said Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**. Other casters fared no better although one hard fishing Striper Surf Club member did manage to drill a 16.4 pounder out of North Bar. Mike Kaland, who reported the score for fellow club member Bill Rothwell of College Point, said Bill had the bar all to himself Saturday night. Earlier, he had worked the "light" with no results.

Moving up to the North Shore, the extreme Western Sound beaches, particularly in the Hempstead Harbor area, have had some bass and bluefish action but access here is the big key.

Huntington area beaches, including Caumsett, have been reported very quiet with the first hint of any action coming from Sunken Meadow State Park. Some blues in the 3-4 lb. range, with an occasional 5-7 pounder, have been taken here in the early AM. Both Friday and Sunday mornings produced fish on poppers and tins. Ray Solinas took a school bass from the park shore on Friday night.

To the east, Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told of a few blues in and out along local beaches. Both tins and poppers take fish when they show. No word on bass or weaks this week.

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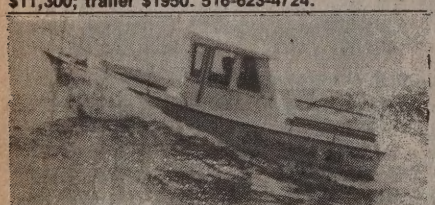

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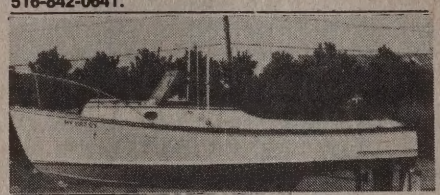

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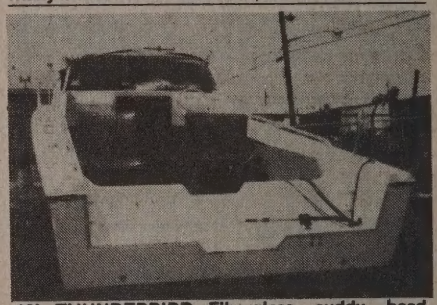

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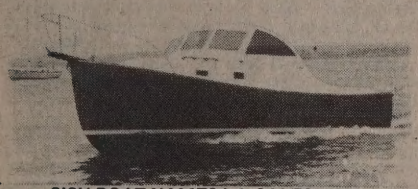

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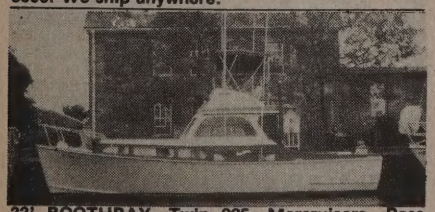

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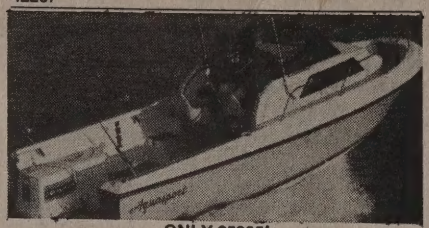

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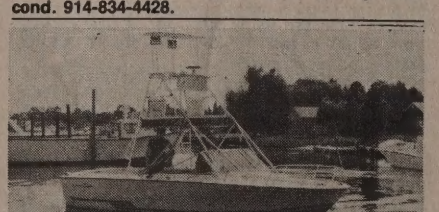

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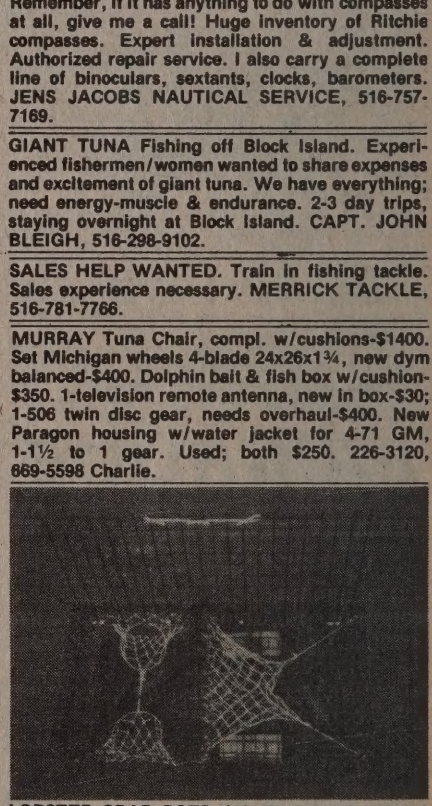

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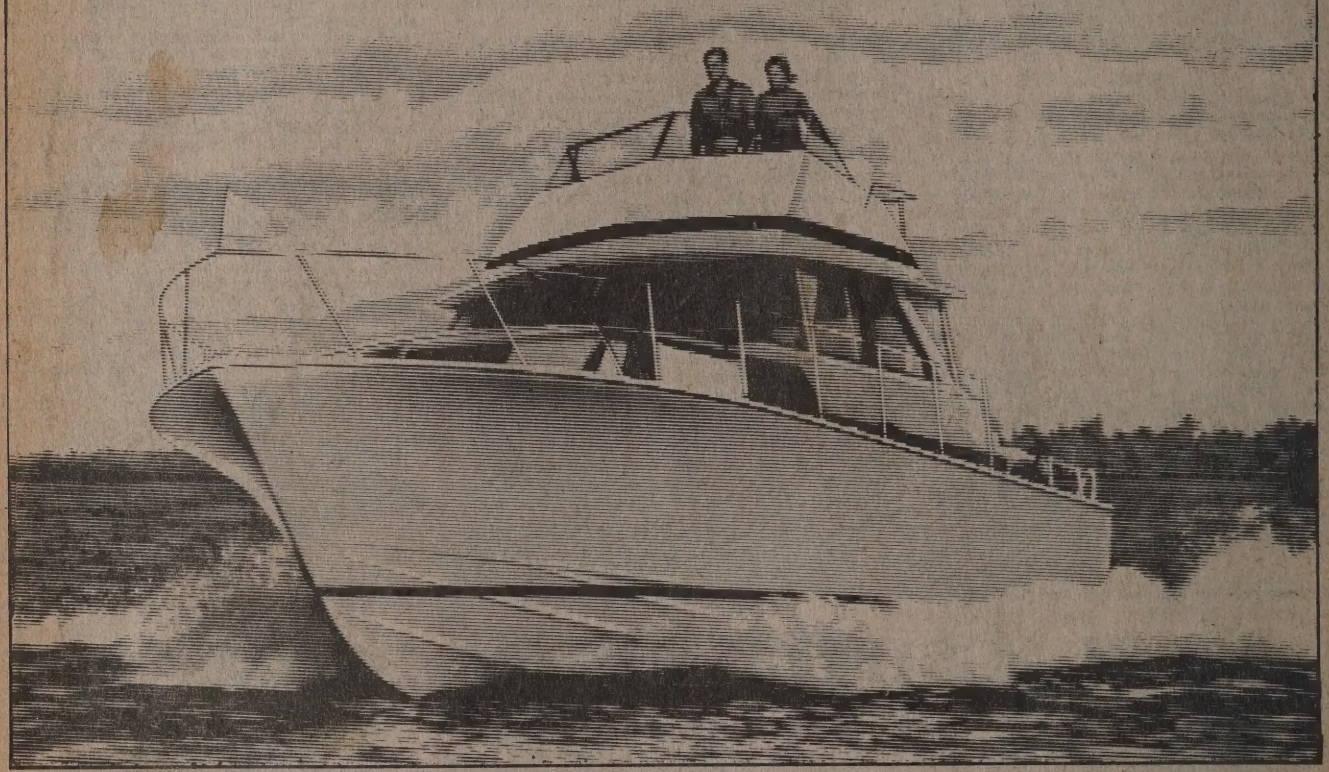

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